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1 BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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5 -----X Docket Number

6 IN THE MATTER OF: : CP13-499-000

7 CONSTITUTION PIPELINE COMPANY PROJECT : CP13-502-000

8 AND WRIGHT INTERCONNECT PROJECT :

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11 Cobleskill-Richmondville High School

12 1353 State Route 7

13 Richmondville, NY

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17 Monday, March 31, 2014

18 The public scoping meeting, pursuant to notice,

19 convened at 7:06 p.m., Kevin Bowman chair of the scoping

20 meeting.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. BOWMAN: Good evening, everyone. Okay,
3 before we get started, if anyone does need a restroom,
4 you can go head out the doors to the right hand, your
5 right hand side of the auditorium, go to the right and
6 the bathrooms will be on your left.

7 So on behalf the Federal Energy Regulatory
8 Commission, I want to welcome all of you tonight to the
9 Common Meeting on the draft Environmental Antistating for
10 the Constitution Pipeline and the Right American Act
11 projects.

12 Let the record show that the DEIS Common
13 Meeting began at 7:06 pm on March 31 in Richmondville,
14 New York.

15 My name is Kevin Bowman, and I'm an
16 Environmental Project Manager in the Office of Energy
17 Projects which is a division of FERC. Also with me
18 tonight on my right is Douglas Mooneyhan. To his right
19 is Kelly Menoz and to her right is Amy Gitchell with the
20 U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. Also tonight outside in
21 the hallway representing FERC tonight is Lavinia DiSanto,
22 Kim Sechrist and Jenna Ward.

23 So the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, the
24 Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Highway
25 Administration and New York State Department of

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1 Agriculture and markets are participating as
2 cooperating agencies in the preparation of EIS.
3 I do want to thank these cooperative agencies for
4 all their continued assistance with the NEPR review of
5 these projects.

6 So with that, I'm going to briefly turn
7 things over to Amy with the Corp of Engineers who will
8 go over the core process and how it relates to the review
9 of these projects. Amy?

10 MS. GITCHELL: Good evening. My name is Amy
11 Gitcheell. I'm the Chief of the Upstate New York Section of
12 the Regulatory Branch for the New York District, U.S. Army
13 Corp of Engineers.

14 I will be participating in tonight's meeting
15 on behalf of the Corp of Engineers. The Corp of Engineers
16 is here today to obtain information and evidence and ensure
17 coverage of both the public's and the Corp's concerns to
18 assist in the regulatory review of a permanent application
19 submitted by the Constitution Pipeline Company for the
20 construction of the pipeline that was just described by
21 Mr. Bowman.

22 If constructed, the pipeline review for our
23 costings of weapons and stripes that are considered
24 weapons of the United States and regulated under
25 section 404 of the Clean Water Act in both Pennsylvania

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1 and New York.

2 The Federal Regulatory Energy Commission
3 as a lead Federal Agency will make a decision whether
4 to issue a certificate of public convenience and
5 necessity to allow construction of this project.

6 The Corp of Engineers is neither a
7 proponent for nor an opponent of the proposed work.
8 Our role is to determine whether the proposed activity,
9 in this case the construction of a 124 mile pipeline
10 that would require numerous crossings on waters of the
11 United States is in the overall public interest.

12 This hearing will play an important part
13 in that determination. Please understand that we do
14 not expect to answer questions from the audience in this
15 hearing related to the proposal, as we are here to obtain
16 information and your comments. Questions on the regulatory
17 process in general can be directed to my staff and my
18 office on another day.

19 The New York District has issued a public
20 notice for this project with the comment period closing on
21 April 7. The entire public notice including all the
22 attachments is currently posted on the New York District
23 Website. The Website address is www.NAN.USACE.ARMY.mil.
24 We do have some copies of the public notice without the
25 attachments on the registration table. I highly encourage

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1 you to leave those for folks that don't have internet
2 access however because everything is on the internet.
3 If you are not currently on our public notice email
4 distribution list and would like to receive an email
5 announcement for future public notices from my office,
6 please provide your email address to one of the staff
7 members at the registration table today. I look forward
8 to your comments this evening.

9 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, Amy. You'll note
10 that we have arranged for a court reporter to transcribe
11 this meeting, so that we will have accurate record of the
12 meeting. If you'd like to have a copy of that transcript,
13 you may make arrangements to do so with the reporter
14 following this meeting.

15 So the Constitution Pipeline Company and
16 Iroquois Gas Transmission filed applications under Section
17 7 of the Natural Gas Act with the Commission in June of
18 2013. As mentioned by Amy, these projects would consist
19 of installation of certain natural gas pipeline facilities
20 between Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania and Schoharie, New
21 York.

22 The primary purpose of this meeting is to
23 give you the opportunity to provide specific environmental
24 comments from the draft EIS prepared by FERC staff from the
25 project. It will help us the most if your comments are as

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1 specific as possible regarding the proposed project and the
2 draft of EIS.

3 I want to clarify again that the project is
4 not being proposed by FERC. It is being proposed by
5 Constitution and the Air Corp. Rather, the FERC is the
6 Federal Agency responsible for evaluating applications to
7 construct and operate interstate natural gas pipeline
8 facilities. Therefore, FERC is really an advocate for the
9 process and not an advocate for the project.

10 So during our review of these project, we
11 assembled information from a variety of sources, including
12 the applicants, you, the public, and other State, Local and
13 Federal Agencies and our analysis and field work. We
14 analyze this information to prepare a draft EIS that was
15 distributed to public for comment. A notice of
16 availability of the draft EIS was issued for this project
17 on February 12, 2014.

18 We are near the end of the 45 day comment
19 period on the draft EIS. The comment period officially
20 ends this Monday, April 7, 2014. All comments received
21 written or spoken will be addressed in the final EIS.
22 I encourage you to submit comments to us by that date.
23 But if we do receive comments after that date, we'll do
24 our best to incorporate those and address them into the
25 final EIS. You may also submit comments using procedures

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1 outlined in the notice of availability on the DEIS which
2 includes instructions on how to submit more comments
3 electronically. Your comments will be considered with
4 equal weight regardless of how they were provided to us.
5 10 If you receive a copy of the draft EIS in either paper or
6 CD version, you automatically receive a copy of the final
7 EIS. So if you did not get a copy of the draft and you
8 want to get a copy of the final, please make sure that you
9 sign the tenant's list at the outside table and provide
10 your name and address. We'll make sure you get a copy
11 of the final EIS.

12 So I want to reiterate that either the draft
13 nor the final EIS are decision making documents. In other
14 words, once they are issued, it is not determined whether
15 the project would be approved or not. I mean I
16 differentiate between the different roles between two
17 distinct groups at FERC. Myself and the other FERC staff
18 members here tonight are part of the environmental
19 review team, and we oversee the preparation of the EIS
20 for the projects. We, ourselves, do not determine whether
21 or not the project would be approved or denied. Instead,
22 the FERC Commission, which consists of five Presidentially
23 appointed individuals are responsible for making that
24 determination.

25 So, as I mentioned, EIS is not decision

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1 making, but it does assist the Commission in determining
2 whether or not to make " how they're going to make their
3 decision on the project. The Commission will consider the
4 environmental information in that document, public
5 comments, as well as a host of other non-environmental
6 information such as engineering, markets and rates in its
7 decision.

8 There is no review of a FERC decision by the
9 President or Congress, thus maintaining FERC's role as an
10 independent regulatory agency. However, only after
11 taking into consideration the environmental and non-
12 environmental information factors to consideration
13 will the Commission make its final decision. If the
14 Commission votes to approve the project and a
15 certificate of public convenience and necessity is
16 issued, Constitution and Uravoys would be required
17 to meet certain conditions outlined in the certificate.

18 Such a good thing, FERC Environmental staff
19 would monitor the project throughout construction and
20 restoration. They perform on a daily onsite inspections
21 to document environmental compliance in accordance with
22 applicable laws and regulations. Constitution Yervoy
23 propose plans and litigation and the additional
24 conditions in the FERC certificate.

25 Okay, so that's my overview of the FERC

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1 role. Let's stop talking about that stuff and move into
2 the comment parts.

3 Okay, so now we'll be going into hearing
4 your comments. If you don't want to speak tonight, you
5 can " or if you don't get a chance to speak everything
6 that you had intended to tonight, you can still hand in
7 written comments tonight using a comment form that we
8 have outside the auditorium at the table. Additionally,
9 you can mail that form into the secretary of the
10 Commission by following the procedures outlined in the
11 notice of availability of the EEIS. Either way, your
12 comments will be considered with equal weight.

13 And as I said before, this meeting is
14 being recorded by a court reporter. So all your comments
15 will be transcribed and accurately placed into the
16 public record. So, I ask that each speaker first
17 identify themselves and if appropriate, any agency or
18 group you are representing. Also, please spell your
19 name for the record and speak clearly into the microphone
20 at the podium up front. My number one rule is please
21 show respect for anyone who is speaking. Due to the
22 length of the speaker's list, we probably have almost 100
23 people signed up, I'm going to please ask that you limit
24 your comments to four minutes or less. This will ensure
25 that we can accommodate everyone who is signed up to

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PM1-1	1 speak tonight. If you anticipate you need to go longer
	2 than that, I would advise summarizing your comments and
	3 submitting them to us tonight in paper form. If we have
	4 additional time at the end, we will take additional
	5 speakers upon sign up of the speaker's list. Brian
	6 Sherman?
	7 MR. BRIAN SHERMAN: Good evening. Brian,
	8 B-R-I-A-N S-H-E-R-M-A-N. I'm the superintendent of
	9 schools for the Schoharie Central School District. I'm
	10 here to specifically address the issue of the pipeline
	11 cutting across the Schoharie Career Technical Education
	12 Center and their property.
	13 In September of last year, the Schoharie
	14 Central School District Board of Education passed a
	15 resolution in support of the Capital Region BOCES refusal
	16 of Constitution Pipeline's initial offer to buy right-
	17 of-way for \$25,400. And it did so again a little over
	18 a month ago. I'd like to reiterate that no amount of
	19 money is worth the possible risk of safety to our students,
	20 or any potentially negative impact on the excellent
	21 classes offered at the Schoharie CTE Campus. As a prime
	22 example, the heavy equipment program at the Schoharie Career
	23 and Technical Education Center is incredibly effective.
	24 Just over a year ago six students from that specific
	25 program went on to Alfred State College. This example is

PM1-1 See the responses to comment CO21 regarding the technical school.

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1 unprecedented and speaks volumes about the success of the
2 program. Other students at the Center routinely enter the
3 workforce and other post secondary programs. If the
4 Constitution Pipeline project is cited as proposed, it
5 would in my opinion jeopardize not only the safety of the
6 students attending the CTE center but the future of this
7 highly successful program. Our route cutting across the
8 area where our students practice with heavy construction
9 equipment digging up the ground would be an accident
10 waiting to happen. And if the students lose the valuable
11 exterior classroom area, the program would have to be
12 significantly changed from what it is today. Parents I
13 have spoken with share the safety concern and may not
14 permit their children to attend courses at the Schoharie
15 CTE center. This will interfere with successful and
16 gainful employment of our CTE graduates and endanger future
17 success of our students who would have opted to
18 participate in career and technical education programs or
19 be job and career ready. This pipeline route flies in the
20 face of Federal and State initiatives to make all our
21 graduates college and career ready. Many in the community
22 are not aware that once the route is approved by FERC this
23 allows the Constitution Pipeline to take property, school
24 property by eminent domain. Which is more important for
25 safety and security of our county and region; gainful

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PM1-1 cont'd	<div>1 employment of our children and a skill labor workforce</div> <div>2 for our state or changing the route of the pipeline off</div> <div>3 school property? Thank you for the opportunity to speak</div> <div>4 on behalf of the safety and security of our children.</div> <div>5 MR. Mooneyhan: Lynn Wayman?</div> <div>6 MR. LYNN WAYMAN SR: My name is Lynn Wayman,</div>
PM1-2	<div>7 L-Y-N-N W-A-Y-M-A-N. I'm a member of Labor of Local 157</div> <div>8 and Assistant Chief of the Summit Fire Department. This</div> <div>9 pipeline represents work for union trade as well as a lot</div> <div>10 of revenue for our communities. I am here to support this</div> <div>11 pipeline as well as the environmental draft impact</div> <div>12 statement. I believe that the Constitution Pipeline will</div> <div>13 help put a lot of work that is needed for a lot of union</div> <div>14 trade. Thank you.</div> <div>15 MR. BOWMAN: Pete Stearns?</div> <div>16 MR. PETER STEARNS: Good evening. And before</div> <div>17 we start I was wondering if we could do the Pledge of</div> <div>18 Allegiance? I Pledge allegiance to the flag of the United</div> <div>19 States of America. And to the Republic for which it stands</div> <div>20 one Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice</div> <div>21 for all. Good evening. My name is Pete Stearns and I have</div> <div>22 the pleasures of speaking tonight on behalf of the hard</div> <div>23 working men and women of the Labors International Union of</div> <div>24 North America. You can easily spot our members and their</div> <div>25 families, as they probably wear the orange shirts here</div>

PM1-2 The commentor’s statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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PM1-3	<p>1 this evening. I am here in support of the draft of</p> <p>2 environmental impact statement. I understand the emotion</p> <p>3 in this room, and I can assure you that our members share</p> <p>4 your passion about this project and share your passion and</p> <p>5 your commitment to this community. I wanted to briefly</p> <p>6 speak about an issue that I feel often gets lost at these</p> <p>7 hearings. And the issue is simply about the intentions</p> <p>8 of our Union and more important what our intentions of our</p> <p>9 union members call this area home. I think it is vitally</p> <p>10 important that everyone here this evening understands that</p> <p>11 our members lives here, pay taxes here and educate and</p> <p>12 raise their families here and deserve the right to earn a</p> <p>13 living here. Our members care about this community as</p> <p>14 much as all of you, and they also care about this project.</p> <p>15 That is why I can assure you that this project will be</p> <p>16 performed by a highly skilled and highly motivated</p> <p>17 workforce that also calls Schoharie County home. I promise</p> <p>18 you that not a single member present here this evening</p> <p>19 would ever compromise or sacrifice the wellbeing of this</p> <p>20 community for the sake of a job. I am confident that our</p> <p>21 members are dedicated to delivering this project in a safe</p> <p>22 and responsible manner and will protect the environment and</p> <p>23 protect their own backyards. I would ask FERC approval of</p> <p>24 this very important energy project and for no additional</p> <p>25 extension of the common period. I thank you for the</p>

PM1-3 The commentor’s statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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PM1-4	1 opportunity to speak, and I thank my union brothers and
	2 sisters for their time and their continued commitment to
	3 this community.
	4 MR. BOWMAN: Darin Hagadorn?
	5 MR. DARIN HAGADORN: Good evening. My name is
	6 Darin Hagadorn, D-A-R-I-N Hagadorn, H-A-G-A-D-O-R-N. I am
	7 here on behalf of Local 157 as one of their members. I
	8 believe that this pipeline needs to go. It will create
	9 great jobs. I've been on several myself, and I've seen
	10 firsthand how they go about their business with economic
	11 and the environmental and all the parts that take place in
	12 putting a line like this forward. And they take great care
	13 in " it's just amazing to watch them go through the way
	14 they do their jobs. So I'm here to support, and I hope
	15 that you guys will let it go. Thank you.
	16 MR. BOWMAN: Ken Stanton?
	17 MR. KENNETH STANTON: I'm Kenneth Stanton,
	18 K-E-N-N-E-T-H S-T-A-N-T-O-N. First I want to say I'm
	19 glad we discovered the flag, and I'm glad to see that this
	20 is still America. I'm the Founder of Stanton Family Farm,
	21 LLC. I'm Route 145 between Cobleskill and Middleburg.
	22 I started that farm after spending four years in the
	23 Marine Corp. My wife and I went down there in 1962.
	24 We bought the farm under contract and we had \$50 in our
	25 pocket. Since then in 2005, we formed Stanton Family

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1 Farm, LLC. My wife, myself, a daughter and a son, and
2 we've added a daughter in law to it. Now in the future
3 there's two grandchildren that want to come in that
4 farm, and one of them is here tonight, going to speak
5 to you. I'm opposed to this pipeline because the way
6 I've been treated by the land agents. First of all,
7 the " let me go back and say I own 1,000 to 1200 acres
8 In Schoharie Town, Middleburg and Cobleskill. I rent
9 another 5,000 acres, and they say there's not going to
10 be an impact. It's going to be an impact to that farm
11 because that farm is going to die a slow death. I'm a
12 capable farmer. I've been in A District Number 2 which
13 I helped form many years ago, and to have eminent domain
14 come across my land it's just seems like we're not in
15 America anymore. Now that farm employs five full time
16 people besides our work and labor force that I just
17 mentioned, and it brings to this county " and I'm not
18 telling you like the land agent tells you. I'm telling
19 you the truth and I can prove everything I say. Cobleskill
20 Schoharie County generates \$2 million every year. We milk
21 400 cows, and they're still milking tonight, and they
22 won't get done until midnight. And I need room for
23 expansion on that farm. And that pipeline is designed
24 to go right through the middle of my farm, and I can't
25 do nothing about it. I got Nagen Markets involved. They

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The commentor's statements in opposition to the proposed projects are noted. Section 3.4.3 of the EIS has been revised with new information regarding the Stanton property and our assessment of potential impact avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures. See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain.

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1 came, moved the line over to the edge. I said that's not
2 good enough. I can't build over it. The agent says well
3 you can work over it, and you're going to get six figures.
4 I don't care what six figures is. No money can buy that.
5 And I'm working with Agen Market at present for another
6 line. Agen Markets agreed that the line that I said
7 going North I originally wanted it moved North. And the
8 land agent said no, we can't move it North. It will cost
9 Constitution too much money. So I've been involved in
10 four lines involving my property. They dickered back and
11 forth. And finally I said to the land agent when they
12 moved it South and now it goes right across my daughter's
13 lawn besides, you got to talk to my lawyer. I'm not
14 talking anymore. Don't come on my property. I want to
15 thank Federal Energy Commission for this opportunity
16 to speak to you. I have forwarded you much information.
17 You have received or will receive in Washington. Thank
18 you.

19 MR. BOWMAN: We would ask that you refrain
20 audible shows of disagreement or agreement during the
21 speaker's comments. I'd hate for you to take away from
22 the time of the speaker while they are speaking. Lisa
23 Stanton?

24 MS. LISA STANTON: Hello. My name is Lisa
25 Stanton, L-I-S-A S-T-A-N-T-O-N. And I am a partner on

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1 Stanton Family Farms, LLC. I am Ken's daughter-in-law.
2 When I first started doing some research on the pipeline
3 and expressing some of our opinions and views about the
4 impact that the pipeline would have on our family farm,
5 a lot of people were very concerned about whether or
6 not we were telling the truth about the impact that it
7 would have. People don't understand what a CAFO is. So
8 I'm going to share very quickly that a CAFO is a
9 concentrated animal feeding operation. That means that
10 we take feed to the animals, and the animals are not
11 allowed to roam over hundreds of thousands of acres
12 like some ranches you might see out in the Western
13 part of the United States. As part of the CAFO plan,
14 we have many rules and regulations that we need to
15 follow. It's a multifaceted plan. First of all, we
16 have to follow a New York State pollutant discharge
17 elimination system, and this is approved by the United
18 States Environmental Protection Agency in accordance
19 with the Clean Water Act of both 2003 and 2008. This
20 controls any discharge to ground and surface water
21 such as runoff of manure out in pastures or our manure
22 storage system and our bunk silo fermentation lecher,
23 the runoff from the silos. With this we have to have a
24 Department of Environmental Conservation general permit,
25 GP-0-14-001. This is issued in pursuant to Article 17,

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1 Title 7 in Article 70 of the Environmental Conservation
2 Law. Under these we have a comprehensive nutrient
3 management plan. This is in accordance with the Natural
4 Resources Conservation Service standard New York 312.
5 As you can see, it's a multifaceted plan. We have a lot
6 of Governmental input on what we can and cannot do on
7 our farm. WE have a planner who comes and helps us and
8 she works out of the Soil and Water Conservation right
9 here in Schoharie County. In our office in the barn we
10 have binders full of maps of every single field that
11 we work. Our planner has to come and sample our soil
12 at least every three years. Our planner helps us
13 design a detailed plan for when, where and how much
14 manure we can spread on each field that we have. We
15 rent some land near the reservoir right here in
16 Cobleskill and we are not allowed to spread any manure
17 there at all as part of our plan because of the proximity
18 to the water. Our planner also tells us how much
19 additional fertilizer, if any, is needed on the field
20 after we put the nutrients on the fields from the manure.
21 Our planner also designs a crop rotation system for us.
22 We are not allowed to have the same crop on the same
23 field for an extended period of time because it will
24 strip the nutrients in the soil. Our planner also works
25 with engineers and helped us design our manure storage

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1 system which is a lagoon out in the back of our farm.
2 This lagoon had to be approved and is inspected regularly
3 by an engineer. We also have bunk silos. And during the
4 fermentation process in the silos there is some runoff.
5 This silo system has also been approved and inspected
6 regularly by engineers. We have several log books on
7 the farm for our manure spreading, storage and handling,
8 our crops. The weather, we have to keep track of the
9 precipitation that falls on the farm to help with this.
10 As my father-in-law said, we own about 1000 acres. We
11 rent another 500. The pipeline will affect approximately
12 130 acres of our farm. We're already good steward of
13 the environment. Putting a pipeline in this proposed
14 course flies in the face of common sense. We're not
15 allowed to build within 50 feet of any water. We have
16 several small streams surrounding the base unit of our
17 farm. Where our proposed expansion is and where this
18 pipeline goes through is directly in the center of our
19 farm. We can't build within 50 feet of any water. So
20 where we're looking for expansion, that my daughter is
21 going to talk about in just a couple minutes, is right
22 where the pipeline goes. We need to talk about the
23 environmental impact statement. In Appendix H1, H2 and H3
24 our parcels ALT O, New York, SC 015, 016 and 017 are listed
25 in there with additional comments that says that land

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1 owner resolution as yes. We have not resolved anything
2 with Constitution at this point, and FERC has also
3 included in there, "see other recommendations above .
4 Please take all these into account as you start to look
5 at this before final approval because it will have a
6 tremendous impact on my family and on our farm. This is
7 about environmental impact. I can't begin to tell you
8 about the environment on our farm because this has
9 taken a huge emotional toll on every member of our
10 family. My father-in-law does not sleep because he
11 is worried about the future of the farm and the impact
12 that this pipeline will have that creates a tense
13 environment for day-to-day decision making and then
14 it trickles down to my husband and me and my children.
15 Please consider changing the route. Thank you.
16 MR. BOWMAN: Kayla Stanton?
17 MS. KAYLA STANTON: Hello. My name is
18 Kayla Stanton, K-A-Y-L-A S-T-A-N-T-O-N. And like my
19 mother just said, I am the third generation on Stanton
20 Family Farms, LLC. I have been in the barn since before
21 I could even walk, and I've watched my grandfather build
22 and expand on the farm. And the farm has actually built
23 me as an individual. I remember scooping feed through
24 feed carts in our tie stall barn to all the cows and
25 milking in the tie stall barn. And now when I get up at

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1 2:30 am to milk my cows, I don't know how that will be
2 if this pipeline goes through. I have been in multiple
3 clubs and organizations that I have been able to tour
4 farms across the country. I have seen many ideas and
5 learned about efficiency of many facets of the farm
6 to bring back in order for me to expand the farm as
7 I come back. And I have been instrumental in deciding
8 our new \$300,000 parlor because of what I have seen
9 and researched throughout these organizations. And I
10 have also been planning our new calf and heifer facility
11 that where we want to put it is right where the pipeline
12 wants to go. And this is the future of our farm. We
13 need to expand to keep farming. This next fall I am
14 going to go to Morrisville State College and have a
15 dual major in Agriculture Business and Dairy Management.
16 And then I plan to return to the farm. The New York State
17 Senate just released the Young Farmers of New York plan,
18 and the goal of that plan is to smooth the transfer of
19 farms to the next generation and preserve existing
20 15 farmland and help overcome obstacles to give a greater
21 opportunity to be successful for the future generations
22 of agriculture. If the pipeline goes through where it
23 wants to go through, our calf and heifer facility
24 expansion will not happen. And then, like my mother said
25 and my grandfather, we will be in violation of our CAPO

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The commentor's statements in opposition to the proposed projects are noted. Section 3.4.3 of the EIS has been revised with new information regarding the Stanton property and our assessment of potential impact avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures.

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PM1-7 cont'd	<p>1 permits and have to face many, many, many fine. And my</p> <p>2 grandfather will be forced to make tough decisions about</p> <p>3 the current operation and the future of the farm. If we</p> <p>4 have to downsize or possibly not do this expansion, where</p> <p>5 is the future for me in the farm? Thank you.</p> <p>6 MR. BOWMAN: Bob Firmstone? Not sure if I'm</p> <p>7 saying the last name correct. Firmstone?</p>
PM1-8	<p>8 MR. BOB FIRMSTONE: Good evening. My name</p> <p>9 is Bob Firmstone spelled F-I-R-M-S-T-O-N-E. I'm the</p> <p>10 Secretary Treasurer, business agent, of Teamsters Local</p> <p>11 693. Teamsters represent about 150 local pipelines</p> <p>12 across the Southern tier of New York State. These members</p> <p>13 are highly trained, experienced and qualified to do the</p> <p>14 job safely. My members about the local environment, they</p> <p>15 enjoy hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities and are</p> <p>16 trained to protect the environment. This project will</p> <p>17 bring much needed jobs to the area with good wages and good</p> <p>18 benefits for local residents. T his project will be good</p> <p>19 for the economy, helping local merchants such as Ross Ry</p> <p>20 Holders, local suppliers and hotels. They will also lower</p> <p>21 utility costs and taxes for local residents. This project</p> <p>22 is a win/win for New York State. This is why Teamsters</p> <p>23 Local 693 supports this project 100 percent. Thank you.</p> <p>24 MR. MOONEYHAN: Mike Snow?</p> <p>25 MR. CHAIR: Let the record show that Mike</p>

PM1-8 The commentator’s statements in support of the proposed projects are noted.

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PM1-9	1 show that Mike Snow said he would pass.
	2 MR. MOONEYHAN: David Stacey? Chris Duda?
	3 MR. TOM TOOMEY: Yeah, good evening. I'm
	4 taking David's time. My name is Tom Toomey, T-O-O-M-E-Y.
	5 I was born and raised in Upstate New York and I believe
	6 in American energy for America. I've worked on pipelines
	7 since 2008. I worked on the Millennium Line. I worked on
	8 directional drills. I've worked on a lot of environmental
	9 crews. And environmental is one of my favorite crews
	10 to work on. I know that everybody I've worked with takes
	11 great pride in what they do, and we worked " we did
	12 whatever had to be done, whether it was handling a
	13 situation or preparing for the worst before something
	14 happened, before heavy rains, just whatever it took. I'm
	15 also a landowner. I've got beef cows, and I've worked
	16 around all kinds of farmers in Pennsylvania, I've never
	17 talked to a single one of them that has had a problem with
	18 gas drilling or with pipelines. So I have a power line
	19 that runs along my property. It doesn't make me really
	20 happy, but if I don't have that power line there, people
	21 are not going to have electricity. If you take away
	22 these people's electricity, you take away their gas, their
	23 20 oil, pipelines supply everything in this country. These
	24 people are just ignorant to that fact. I've met people
	25 that don't even know that they have natural gas in their

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	1 homes. And they're shocked to find out. They're just	
	2 plain ignorant to the fact of what energy does for	
	3 them in this country. Thank you.	
	4 MR. BOWMAN: Dave Parker?	
PM1-10	5 MR. DAVE PARKER: Good evening. My name is	
	6 Dave Parker, D-A-V-E P-A-R-K-E-R for Worcester, New York.	
	7 Thanks for your copy of the draft EIS. I got the whole	
	8 thing. It's incredible. It's an incredible document.	
	9 The completeness is amazing. And since, I had the	
	10 opportunity to work on the document, or I'll call it	
	11 participate. When we, in the town of Worcester, a parcel	
	12 that was along Alternate M of the pipeline that	
	13 unfortunately didn't happen, from our standpoint. But	
	14 geology soils and wetlands team, I was invited to go	
	15 along with them during their assessment. And it was four	
	16 young, very competent and extremely thorough professionals	
	17 who let me come along and trail behind because they were	
	18 a lot better shape than I. But I can't speak more highly	
	19 of the thoroughness and the competence they did or they	
	20 showed in the job they did. So I want to thank you for	
	21 letting me go along with that, go along on the assessment.	
	22 And I'm sure their work is representative of what went into	
	23 the rest of the draft EIS. I was particularly interested	
	24 in and informed by the socioeconomic analysis, as you	
	25 presented in Chapter 4, pages 133 through 147, you	

PM1-10 The commentor's statements regarding the draft EIS are noted.
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are noted.

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1 summarized in Chapter 5, page 11. I believe the common
2 sense approach that you used was extremely valuable
3 in understanding the broad nature, broad scope and impact
4 of this project. Finally I wanted to share a number, a
5 few quotes from some prominent individuals whose names
6 you'll recognize who commented on infrastructure
7 development and domestic natural gas development in
8 general. First Former New York State Assembly Minority
9 Leader, John Faso, states we need New York, we need new
10 energy sources and safe, modern infrastructure to deliver
11 energy to our homes and factories. This will help our
12 national academy make a slight less dependent on foreign
13 sources of energy and help create and save jobs. White
14 Climate Advisor, John Pedesta, states, "If you oppose all
15 fossil fuels and you want to turn the switch off tomorrow,
16 that is completely impractical way of moving towards a
17 clean energy future. We remain committed to developing
18 the natural gas resource and using it in this current
19 administration. Next, Secretary of State, John Kerry,
20 stated, "If we harness the power of the wind in Mexico
21 and the biomass in Brazil, the sunshine in Chile and Peru,
22 the natural gas in the United States and Argentina, then
23 the enormous benefits for local economies, public health
24 and of course climate change mitigation could reach every
25 corner of the Americas and beyond. Next, EPA

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PM1-10 cont'd	<p>1 Administrator, Gina McCarthy adds, "Responsible development</p> <p>2 of natural gas is an important part of our work to improve</p> <p>3 climate change and support a robust, clean energy market</p> <p>4 at home. Only a few more. The President's former Energy</p> <p>5 Czar, Harold Browner states, "There's a lot of reasons to</p> <p>6 support natural gas as a path to a clean energy future.</p> <p>7 Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewel says, "Working hard,</p> <p>8 working hand in hand with industry we have an opportunity</p> <p>9 to use innovative technologies to capture natural gas to</p> <p>10 power more homes with cleaner American made energy while</p> <p>11 reducing methane emissions and cutting down carbon</p> <p>12 pollution. Finally, California Berkley Physics Professor,</p> <p>13 a climate scientist, Dr. Richard Muller concludes,</p> <p>14 "Environmentalists who oppose the development of shale</p> <p>15 gas in fracking are making a tragic mistake. I totally</p> <p>16 agree. Thank you for your time and attention.</p> <p>17 MR. BOWMAN: Jeff Stark?</p> <p>18 MR. JEFF STARK: Jeff Stark, J-E-F-F</p> <p>19 S-T-A-R-K. I'm President of the Greater Capital Region</p> <p>20 building and construction trades, an organization with</p> <p>21 more than 14 unionized construction trades and more than</p> <p>22 22,000 union members in this area. I'm proud to be here</p> <p>23 tonight to represent them. Construction industry has been</p> <p>PM1-11 24 hit hard the last few years. And these are jobs that we</p> <p>25 desperately need. The Draft Environmental Impact Study</p>

PM1-11 The commentor's statements in support of the proposed projects are noted.

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PM1-11 cont'd	<p>1 states that this makes economic sense. And this project</p> <p>2 is for the public good. And yes, it has limited adverse</p> <p>3 environmental impact. It doesn't mean it has none for</p> <p>4 no one. Some people will be upset. But there will be</p> <p>5 1300 construction workers who are going to have trouble</p> <p>6 to feed their families without these jobs. A more than</p> <p>7 \$80 million to the local economy and construction wages,</p> <p>8 more than \$4 million to this county, Harry County alone</p> <p>9 for school districts. We need this job. It is a very</p> <p>10 emotional rollercoaster. But this project needs to go</p> <p>11 through. It needs to be supported for the public good.</p> <p>12 Three million homes will heat and cool their homes with</p> <p>13 this pipeline alone. That's the public good. That makes</p> <p>14 economic sense for the public. And that is limited adverse</p> <p>15 conditions. So I urge you to support this project. Thank</p> <p>16 you very much.</p> <p>17 MR. BOWMAN: Dianne Sefcik?</p> <p>18 MS. DIANNE SEFCIK: Dianne Sefcik,</p> <p>19 D-I-A-N-N-E S-E-F-C-I-K. I live in Western Albany County,</p> <p>20 New York. The Iroquois pipeline party to the Constitution</p> <p>21 application runs through my town. The Tennessee pipeline</p> <p>22 is only a few miles away in Berm. Expansion of these and</p> <p>23 other transmission lines would be a direct result of</p> <p>24 approval of the Constitution application. But these and</p> <p>25 many other impacts of shale gas development are not</p>
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PM1-12 See the response to comment CO26-18. See the response to comments LA1-4 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

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PM1-12 cont'd	1 addressed in the FERCD DEIS. And it's not in my comments
PM1-13	2 but I just want to know in 1996 Iroquois officers pleaded
	3 guilty to felony charges for environmental problems when
	4 they built this pipeline. They were fined \$22 million at
	5 that time for these infractions and that time was the
	6 second largest fine for any company except for the Exxon
PM1-14	7 Valdez spill several years before. This DEIS
	8 overwhelmingly serves the oil and gas industry. You can
	9 throw a dart at almost any point on any page and find
	10 12 ample justification for criticism. In my opinion, it is
	11 so flawed, so incomplete and so biased in favor of the oil
	12 and gas industry that FERC should recues itself from
	13 creating this or any other EIS and stick to regulating
	14 standards and processes identified by truly independent
	15 environmental and energy consultants. The basis for this
PM1-15	16 proposed project was stated in the executive summary was
	17 19 this: It was developed in response to natural gas market
	18 demands in the New York and New England areas. And
	19 interest from natural gas shippers that require
	20 transportation capacity from Susquehanna County,
	21 Pennsylvania, to the existing Tennessee gas pipeline
	22 company and the Iroquois' systems in Schoharie County, New
	23 York. This misrepresents the end mark of scope. Domestic
	24 markets are not the only, and perhaps not only the primary
	25 markets for shale gas development. Projects are already

PM1-13 See the response to comment CO47-1 regarding safety records of Applicants.

PM1-14 The commentor's statements regarding the draft EIS are noted.

PM1-15 See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export.

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PM1-15 cont'd	<p>1 underway to export natural gas to Canada and liquid</p> <p>2 natural gas to more distant markets. For instance,</p> <p>3 Iroquois and its reverse flow to Canada, Spectra Energy,</p> <p>4 Liberty LNG in its proposal at the Port Ambrose Deep Water</p> <p>5 terminal and the U.S. Department of Energy has granted the</p> <p>6 first ever LNG export permit to Dominion Resources.</p> <p>7 Justification for enduring the impacts of shale gas</p> <p>8 development in the U.S. has included energy independence,</p> <p>9 energy security, domestic energy supply and bridge to</p> <p>10 renewables. The oil and gas industry, however, has clearly</p> <p>11 signaled its intention to export natural gas products,</p> <p>12 including highly volatile liquid natural gas. This is</p> <p>13 motivated by higher prices paid by international versus</p> <p>14 domestic markets. It does nothing to protect U.S. energy</p> <p>15 independence or non-renewable domestic reserves. It does</p> <p>16 not improve energy security, and it undermines incentives</p> <p>17 to develop renewable technologies. Domestic and global</p> <p>18 endowments of air, water, land and energy are not being</p> <p>19 preserved and managed for the common good. They are being</p> <p>20 sacrificed and exploited for private gain and geopolitical</p> <p>21 agendas.</p> <p>22 MR. BOWMAN: Please finish.</p> <p>23 MS. DIANNE SEFCIK: There's so much to say.</p>
PM1-16	<p>24 I'll just say this, that the rural communities, rural</p> <p>25 people are disproportionately impacted by shale gas</p>

PM1-16 The commentator's statements regarding rural communities are noted. See the response to comment IND241-1.

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PM1-16 cont'd	<p>1 development. Thank you for listening to me.</p> <p>2 MR. BOWMAN: Andrew Santillo?</p> <p>3 MR. ANDREW SANTILLO: Hello, everyone. I just</p> <p>4 first want to thank you all for having this and allowing</p> <p>5 people to voice their opinion for and against. My name is</p> <p>6 Andrew Santillo. It's S-A-N-T-I-L-L-O. I work in the</p> <p>7 Montgomery County Executive Office. I'm here on behalf of</p> <p>8 County Executive, Matt Osenfor and their legislative</p>
PM1-17	<p>9 Chairman, Tom Quackenbush. WE believe that the Draft</p> <p>10 Environmental Impact Statement appropriately balances both</p> <p>11 economic and environmental issues affecting the pipeline</p> <p>12 region.As Schoharie's County's neighbor to the North, there</p> <p>13 are two main reasons why we're supporting this project.</p> <p>14 Since January, we've worked and we've made it a priority</p> <p>15 to explore economic development opportunities and working</p> <p>16 regionally. Our county is looking at numerous ways to put</p> <p>17 people back to work and to increase the labor force and</p> <p>18 if that's something that this project does, then I would</p> <p>19 have to say we are in full support of it. Also, if this</p> <p>20 project strengthens the region, which is another thing</p> <p>21 we've been working on since coming into office in January,</p> <p>22 it's something that we support as well. If Schoharie County</p> <p>23 benefit from this, if those people go back to work or get</p> <p>24 more work and that's somehow makes their lives better,</p> <p>25 Montgomery County " and we've already been working on</p>

PM1-17 The commentator's statements in support of the proposed projects are noted.

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PM1-17 cont'd	<p>1 intermunicipal agreements with Schoharie County, with</p> <p>2 Otsego County, with Fulton County to make this region a</p> <p>3 better place and a better place to live. We have a</p> <p>4 pipeline, the Iroquois pipeline. It runs through Montgomery</p> <p>5 County. It was put in 1992. And this pipeline, if it</p> <p>6 does what it's supposed to do, which is put people to work,</p> <p>7 strengthen the economy and strengthen this area, we are</p> <p>8 fully behind it. I thank you very much.</p> <p>9 MR. BOWMAN: Brandon Jones?</p> <p>10 MR. BRANDON JONES: My name is Brandon</p> <p>11 Jones, B-R-A-N-D-O-N J-O-N-E-S. I am a member of the</p> <p>12 International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 158 of</p>
PM1-18	<p>13 Glenmont, New York. I am here to support the Constitution</p> <p>14 pipeline. If approved, the Constitution, during the</p> <p>15 construction phase, there will be a positive economic</p> <p>16 impact. Local businesses such as hotels, motels,</p> <p>17 restaurants will greatly benefit from the construction</p> <p>18 crews, especially the various small businesses in the</p> <p>19 small towns along the proposed road. Also as an avid</p> <p>20 outdoorsman, I have seen how well wildlife react after</p> <p>21 or even during the construction and restoration of a</p> <p>22 pipeline. I have worked with environmental inspectors</p> <p>23 on other pipelines. They are very strict and observant,</p> <p>24 especially around streams and wetlands and other places.</p> <p>25 They have no problem at all shutting the job down until</p>

PM1-18 The commentator's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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PM1-18 cont'd	<p>1 they find a better way to do things. New York is far</p> <p>2 behind other states. This pipeline is what we need. It</p> <p>3 will give us the boost we have been needing for a long</p> <p>4 time. The Constitution pipeline is going to be a big help</p> <p>5 to local communities. Please approve the Constitution</p> <p>6 pipeline. Thank you.</p> <p>7 MR. BOWMAN: Robert Nied?</p> <p>8 MR. ROBERT NIED: My name is Robert Nied,</p> <p>9 R-O-B-E-R-T N-I-E-D. I'm a member of the Board of</p> <p>10 Directors of the Center for Sustainable Rural Communities,</p> <p>11 a 501C3 non-profit New York corporation serving Schoharie,</p> <p>12 Otsego, Delaware, Schenectady and Albany counties. As a</p> <p>13 nod to my union brothers and sisters, I'm a proud 25 year</p> <p>14 retired member of IBEW Local 827. Our organization by its</p> <p>15 charter is committed to building vibrant, livable,</p> <p>16 sustainable rural communities with access to the arts and</p> <p>17 technology and encouraging environmentally compatible</p> <p>18 economic development. However, for the last 18 months</p> <p>19 we've had very little time to do any of those important</p> <p>20 initiatives. Instead, we have been responding to an</p> <p>21 endless scream of visitors, phone calls and emails from</p> <p>22 residents across the region who are deeply concerned,</p> <p>PM1-19</p> <p>23 upset and angry about the proposed pipeline. One after</p> <p>24 another they have related to us stories of bullying,</p> <p>25 intimidation, outright lies by representatives of the</p>

PM1-19 The commentor’s statements regarding Constitution and bullying are noted.

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PM1-19 cont'd	1 pipeline company. They have told us about landmen 2 swinging the threat of eminent domain like a hammer and 3 pitting neighbor against neighbor and family against 4 family member. They have told us about survey stakes and 5 tapes that appear on their land while they were away 6 visiting relatives. They have described their dream of 7 retiring to a peaceful setting in which they have invested 8 their life savings only to hear that it would be cut down 9 the middle by a proposed pipeline, access road, mainline 10 valve, metering station, communication tower or all of the
PM1-20	11 above. They have told us about their children who ride 12 the school bus on a route that will intersect heavy truck 13 and equipment traffic coming from ill sited contractor
PM1-21	14 yards. They have told us about drinking water that is 15 drawn from a fragile course aquifer that could be as 16 close as 100 feet from pipeline blasting operations.
PM1-22	17 They have told us about streams, wetlands, maples, sugar 18 bushes, hedge rows, stands of oak and hemlock forest 19 and hayfields, all of which they cherish, have cultivated 20 for years and that they need for fuel, need for food, 21 need for peace of mind and want to preserve for their 22 own legacy and as a gift to their children all threatened 23 by this pipeline. They have told us about birds and 24 nests year after year, eagles, blue herons, turtles, 25 frogs, deer, fox, coyotes, bears, all threatened by this

- PM1-20 See the response to comment IND492-1 regarding traffic.
- PM1-21 See the response to comments CO30-1 and IND110-6 regarding water impacts and blasting.
- PM1-22 The commentor's statements are noted. See the response to comment CO1-2.

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1 pipeline. They have told us how they have intimate
2 knowledge of extensive ecosystems that surround their
3 homes that the DEIS does not even acknowledge. They have
4 told us about their grandchildren who have forts and
5 tree houses in the path of a pipeline. They tell us about
6 the fear they feel living next to a pipeline operated by
7 companies whose names return Google searches filled with
8 long lists of leaks, explosions and fires including one
9 less than 12 hours ago in the State of Washington. They
10 tell us about the fear and anger of being forced to expose
11 their children to the emissions from compressor stations
12 and the fear of the ultimate industrialization of their
13 rural communities they know damn well will follow this
14 pipeline. They tell us about the generations that have
15 farmed their land and their hopes that their children
16 will continue that tradition, while reporting at the
17 reluctance of their loan officers to fund seeds for
18 next year's planting or to fund repairs for necessary
19 machinery all because of the pipeline. They tell us
20 about agricultural permits and certification in
21 jeopardy because of this pipeline. I have grown
22 emotionally weary of old men, aged women, middle aged
23 women and young couples with babies all sitting at my
24 table with tears in their eyes telling me and asking me
25 the same questions; how could they do this to me, my

PM1-23 See response to comment CO47-1.

PM1-24 See the response to comments CO41-21 and IND13-4 regarding air quality.

PM1-25 See the response to comment CO41-23 regarding industrialization.

PM1-26 See the response to comment IND297-3 regarding impacts on agricultural lands.

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1 family and my community? On behalf of all of those
2 people, I am here tonight not to ask the commission to
3 reconsider this unnecessary and destructive pipeline
4 but to beg the commission to deny approval for this
5 pipeline. I stand in front of two Federal Agencies "
6 thank you. I stand in front of two Federal Agencies
7 this evening and I suspend my pride and my ego and I beg
8 you, place the safety of those people, their property,
9 their cherished environments and their dreams above
10 the profits of an industry that cares nothing about
11 them, defend them, protect them, stand up for them
12 because they have far too much to lose and you are the
13 only thing that stands between them and that loss. Thank
14 you.

15 MR. BOWMAN: Don Perry? Angelina Martinez?

16 MS. ANGELINA MARTINEZ: Hi. I'm

17 Angelina Martinez, A-N-G-E-L-I-N-A M-A-R-T-I-N-E-Z. I
18 am a student at Schoharie Career and Technical School.

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19 When I first heard that someone was proposing to run a
20 gas pipeline through our school, I thought it was a joke.
21 You wouldn't run a pipeline through the middle of a high
22 school social studies class. So why would you think it's
23 okay to run it through our campus? I think there is a
24 misconception on how Schoharie Tech is an ABO school, that
25 the education that goes on there is an aftermath of

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The commentor's request to deny the proposed projects is noted.

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See the responses to comment CO21 regarding the technical school.

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PM1-29	1 someone's plans to run a gas pipeline. You see the math,
	2 a piece of land and an opportunity to run a pipeline. But
	3 it's more than that. It is a school, a classroom and an
	4 opportunity for students like me to learn hands on in a
	5 free and supportive environment. I came here tonight
	6 with a list of 294 ruptures that have happened since the
	7 year 2000. I want to repeat that. There have been 294
	8 pipeline ruptures in the past 14 years. Please don't let
	9 our school be number 295. Go around the school. I don't
	10 have an opinion of the pipeline either way but, please, for
	11 the sake of our education, keep it off our school.
PM1-30	12 MR. MOONEYHAN: Taylor Brown? Devan Smida?
	13 MR. DEVAN SMIDA: Hello. My name is Devan
	14 Smida, D-E-V-A-N S-M-I-D-A. I am a student currently
	15 enrolled in Schoharie Career and Technical Centers Heavy
	16 Equipment and Commercial and Residential construction
	17 program. I'm also a volunteer firefighter with the
	18 Schoharie Fire Department. Last year I took a course
	19 for the Schoharie Fire Department explaining gas
	20 pipeline safety and the dangers involved if one should
	21 rupture, if there should be an explosion, and that
	22 concern me. But what I'm more worried about is impact
PM1-31	23 of the right of way on the future of students and the
	24 heavy equipment program. Out in the field we learn
	25 grading, diversion, digging ponds, clearing and growth

PM1-29 See the response to comment IND13-3 and CO47-1 regarding safety.

PM1-30 See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety.

PM1-31 See the responses to comment CO21 regarding the technical school.

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1 of all the surrounding environment. That would be taken
2 away if they took the land for the pipeline. I really
3 think this program set me up for success. I'm planning
4 on attending Sumi Skill or Del High for diesel tech
5 program and everything I've learned in the heavy
6 equipment program really prepared me for that. If the
7 land is taken for the pipeline, it's going to limit the
8 experience for the students coming through in the following
9 years. You can't just move everyone closer together and
10 think they're going to have the same kind of experience.
11 It's not going to happen. Eventually you're going to
12 run out of room to train and the training will be do "
13 you will be doing us little quality. The training that
14 I've taken here is leading me for a job in the future
15 that's going to be needed. But if the class changes
16 because there's less room, those students won't have
17 the same type of experience that I got for the job.
18 I want other students to be able to get as good of
19 an education as I have got at Schoharie Tech and Career
20 School. I thank you for your time and respectfully
21 ask that you move the proposed Constitution pipeline.
22 Thank you.

23 MR. BOWMAN: John Privhera?

24 MR. JOHN PRIVITERA: Good evening. My name
25 is John Privitera, P-R-I-V-I-T-E-R-A. I am a lawyer at

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1 the Matamy Law Firm in Albany, New York. And I am here
2 tonight to speak specifically to the DEIS on behalf of
3 the Capital Region Board of Cooperative Educational
4 Services. The first speaker tonight was Superintendent
5 Sherman. You've heard from several students about the
6 pipeline crossing the Career and Technical School. I want
7 to put that in context here. The school owns 63 acres and
8 only about 30 of those acres are available to teach because
9 there's a gorging creek that runs through the property.
10 About seven of the remaining acres are taken up by
11 buildings and grounds. And this is a very specific
12 school that was designed exactly to teach heavy equipment
13 operation, maintenance and safety. So it has big bays,
14 big garages, outbuildings and an entire teaching course
15 on the remaining 23 acres that are available. Of those 23
16 acres, the pipeline proposes to take by force, by eminent
17 domain 5.6 acres of the school. And just as a student
18 just said recently, that's like taking 25 percent of any
19 other campus because the classrooms are outdoors. It's
20 like taking 25 percent out of the structure of the building
21 that we're standing in, sitting in tonight and expecting
22 the school to still be able to perform. And not-
23 withstanding that taking, the Environmental Impact
24 Statement itself says on page 4, 129, that the impact of
25 this taking on the school is not known to FERC, that you

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1 ask the pipeline to describe the impact on the school and
2 the pipeline company said they could not and you publish
3 the DESI nonetheless. Well that's a fundamental short-
4 coming under NIPA because the Environmental Impact
5 Statement is supposed to explore the impact, lay it all
6 out and mitigate it or avoid it to the extent of
7 20 practicable. Here, 55 percent of this pipeline has been
8 rerouted over the course of the analysis of this project,
9 yet it's still determined to go through this campus and
10 take about 25 percent of the classroom away.
11 Fundamentally the EIS does not support that taking.
12 It's weak and it cannot document consistent with law
13 this taking. It's also a high consequence area with
14 over 200 students in the building and as many as 60
15 students outdoors teaching, learning at any one time
16 with teachers, I should say. And yet that " the impact
17 of this taking is not avoided or mitigated in any
18 respect. Moreover, when the surveyors came to the
19 school and said they were going to take 25 percent of
20 the campus away, they also said they were going to put
21 an access road right through the school. So the
22 temporary access road as designed, as drawn in the EIS
23 goes right through the bus loop, right through the
24 collection area where the students take the heavy
25 equipment out of the buildings, right through the main

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1 road to the back classrooms and is simply incompatible
2 with teaching students how to use heavy equipment. We
3 will be submitting written comments on this matter, and
4 we will be intervening in this proceeding before FERC.
5 But it's very important for you folks to know tonight
6 that the EIS is insufficient because it does not mitigate
7 the impact on this school. It has to go someplace else.
8 Thank you.

9 MR. BOWMAN: Bill Morton?

10 MR. BILL MORTON: Hi. My name is Bill

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11 Morton, B-I-L-L M-O-R-T-O-N. I'm representing the Village
12 Of Middleburg as the Trustee. In a motion to intervene,
13 Patricia J. Denores, Attorney for the New York State
14 Department of Environmental Conservation stated on August
15 17, 2013 on behalf of the Department, she said that, I
16 quote, "Since the location of proposed project route has
17 a high potential for development of natural gas extraction
18 from Marsalis and Utica shale formations, the draft EIS
19 must evaluate the cumulative impacts associated with these
20 potential activities. The Village of Middleburg has two
21 principle concerns relating to the cumulative impacts of
22 gas drilling and fracking. First, a potential
23 contamination of Middleburg's water supply and secondly,
24 the probable adverse impacts of drilling and fracking on
25 tourism. First, according to Lane Christensen Company, a

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See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing. See the response to comment IND546-2 regarding impacts on drinking water and tourism.

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1 company involved in the hydrogeology of water wells,
2 Schoharie Creek is a principle source of water for the
3 Village's water supply. Thus, it is critically important
4 to prevent Schoharie Creek from becoming contaminated with
5 the highly toxic chemicals associated with drilling and
6 fracking. According to the literature, about 7 percent
7 of the wells which are drilled for gas and fracking fail.
8 This failure is associated with failed well casings. Where
9 is this likely to occur in Schoharie County? This
10 uncertainty is too great a risk for Middleburg. The
11 Village does not want gas drilling and fracking to occur
12 anywhere in the Schoharie watershed upstream from the
13 Village's water supply. Should the water supply be
14 contaminated, where will the water come from and who will
15 pay for it? The same principle has been applied to the
16 New York City watershed where drilling and fracking have
17 been banned. Middleburg is opposed to the Constitution
18 pipeline in that it will facilitate gas drilling and
19 fracking in the watershed upstream from Middleburg.
20 Secondly, Schoharie County is among the most scenic and
21 historically rich counties in New York State. Tourism,
22 subsequently, has become a critical component of
23 Middleburg's main street economy. New York State Route
24 30, which cuts through the heart of Schoharie County, has
25 been designated by the New York State Legislature as the

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1 Timothy Murphy Trail. The Village established Timothy
2 Murphy Park along the trail. The Village also working
3 with other communities to reestablish New York State Route
4 30 as the Timothy Murphy Trail and Scenic Byway. The
5 Village has been investing in additional infrastructure
6 intended to attract tourists, namely murals and quilt
7 blocks on building facades, large wildflower patches at
8 each entrance to the Village and flowering baskets
9 adorning antique lamp posts to mention a few. These
10 investments may be for naught. Tourists simply will
11 not tolerate the sights and sounds of the gas industry
12 such as the heavy volume of industrial sized trucks
13 traveling through the Village of Middleburg by Routes
14 30 and 145. Compressor stations located every two to
15 four miles along majoring gathering lines which leave
16 gashes and scars on forested mountain slopes and as many
17 as 32 well pads each equal to 3.5 acres in size per square
18 mile. The Village of Middleburg opposed installation of
19 the Constitution pipeline as it will facilitate gas well
20 drilling and fracking which in turn will disrupt and
21 degrade tourism. I wish to submit into evidence a video
22 entitled "Drilling for Natural Gas in Schoharie County, New
23 York, lessons learned from Bradford and Susquehanna counties
24 in Pennsylvania for the express purpose of demonstrating
25 what a community can expect from gas drilling and fracking.

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PM1-33 cont'd	<div>1 The truth be known, the impacts to tourism, especially the</div> <div>2 massive deployment of trucks cannot be mitigated. The</div> <div>3 Village has no intention to endure cumulative impacts on</div> <div>4 water quality and tourism in order for the gas industry</div> <div>5 to profit. The Village of Middleburg encourages, urges</div> <div>6 FERC and the Corp of Engineers not to deliver a project</div> <div>7 such as Constitution pipeline which will denigrate the</div> <div>8 Village and more broadly surrounded areas. Also included</div> <div>9 is a map of natural gas leased properties in Schoharie</div> <div>10 County outside of the pipeline right of way which verifies</div> <div>11 the intent of the gas industry to drill and frack in</div> <div>12 Schoharie County. I'd like to turn these two packets with</div> <div>13 the video over to the Corp of Engineers and FERC. Where</div> <div>14 shall I put them?</div> <div>15 MR. BOWMAN: You can leave that with staff</div> <div>16 outside on the table.</div> <div>17 MR. BILL MORTON: Okay, great. Thank you</div> <div>18 very much.</div> <div>19 MR. MOONEYHAN: Matt Johnson?</div> <div>20 MR. MATT JOHNSON: My name is Matt Johnson,</div> <div>21 M-A-T-T J-O-H-N-S-O-N. I'm a student in the Bosie's</div> <div>22 Career and Technical Schools heavy equipment, commercial</div> <div>PM1-34</div> <div>23 and residential construction program. I'm here tonight to</div> <div>24 respectfully ask that the Constitutional pipeline not run</div> <div>25 through our Schoharie Campus. In addition to the safety</div>

PM1-34 See the responses to comment CO21 regarding the technical school.

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1 risk of placing a pipeline on the school's ground, there
2 is also the fact that it will affect the class itself.
3 In fact, I can't see how Bosie would be able to offer
4 the equipment and commercial and residential construction
5 program in the way that I'm taking now if the land was
6 taken for a gas pipeline. I know it may seem like there's
7 a lot of land out at our school and on paper it may seem
8 like the pipeline wouldn't take up much space, but that's
9 our classroom. We need every inch of that classroom
10 space to learn to properly operate heavy machinery. When
11 first started out in this program, I needed space to learn
12 and to make mistakes. Taking any amount of that space is
13 going to change the way future students in the class learn.
14 Out of anybody I figured the people responsible for
15 building and citing high pressure gas pipelines would
16 want the best training possible for the heavy equipment
17 operators that are doing it. That is this program. The
18 way it exists right now with all the classroom space that
19 is available to it, I can say personally that this program
20 is an excellent one. Now I know that career and tech and
21 the instructors will do their best to provide a great
22 education no matter, but taking part of our classroom
23 away for the Constitutional pipeline would no doubt
24 change our heavy equipment and commercial and residential
25 construction program. Thank you.

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PM1-35 1 MR. BOWMAN: Terry Swett?
2 MR. TERRY SWETT: Hi. My name is Terry
3 Swett, T-E-R-R-Y S-W-E-T-T. I am the Director of the
4 Capital Region Career and Technical School, which has a
5 campus here in Schoharie. Thank you for the opportunity
6 to speak this evening about the proposal by Constitution
7 pipeline to run a high pressure gas pipeline through
8 Capital Region Career and Technical School's Schoharie
9 Campus. Career and Tech is a middle state's accredited
10 and New York State Education Department approved school
11 operated by Capital Region BOCES. We offer more than
12 40 technical programs of study for high school and adult
13 students at our campuses in Albany and Scholarly. Hands
14 on learning is the hallmark of the career and technical
15 school experience. While traditional lecture, reading,
16 writing projects are all part of our programs, the majority
17 of our students time is spent gaining practical experience
18 in their chosen trade or profession. Currently we have
19 208 students enrolled in programs on the Schoharie Campus.
20 At Schoharie CT we offer eight areas of study, the very
21 most popular of which is our residential construction
22 and commercial construction heavy equipment program.
23 We currently have 59 students attending these programs
24 daily. Our construction heavy equipment experience our
25 highest enrollment due to the increased demand for

PM1-35 See the responses to comment CO21 regarding the technical school.

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1 trained professional in these area. The 63 acre Schoharie
2 Campus constructed in 1972 was specifically designed to
3 provide students with ample and diverse terrain where they
4 can hone their skills with a range of heavy equipment,
5 including backhoes, bulldozers, excavators, farm tractors,
6 skid steer loaders, dump trucks and rollers. During their
7 coursework, students learn under the supervision of
8 teachers to safely operate each piece of equipment.
9 Digging, trenching, operating, among other skills are
10 practiced on a daily basis. While Capital Region BOCES
11 does not endorse or condemn the Constitution pipeline
12 project as a whole, we do believe a gas pipeline running
13 through the Schoharie Campus would threaten the safety of
14 our students and the future of the campus and its
15 programs. Having to navigate around a potentially volatile
16 pipeline would add an additional layer of stress to an
17 already exacting practice and create justified concerns
18 about the safety of all of the students learning on our
19 campus. According to a study commissioned by Capital
20 Region BOCES, an accidental rupture or failure of the
21 pipeline at our campus location would be fatal to any
22 student receiving instruction outdoors. And there is no
23 guarantee that students and staff inside classrooms would
24 survive a blast or a thermal radiation either. I am the
25 director of the Career and Technical School. I do not want

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1 22 to have those kinds of conversations with parents. The
2 safety and welfare of our students is our number one
3 concern. Every school day parents and guardians entrust
4 their children to us with the expectation that we will
5 treat them as our own and that we are invested not only
6 in their academic success but their personal safety.
7 For these reasons, we believe it would be irresponsible
8 for us to endorse the location of a gas pipeline on a
9 BOCES Educational facility. Thank you.

10 MR. BOWMAN: Kevin Kutzscher?

11 MR. KEVIN KUTZSCHER: Good evening, ladies
12 and gentlemen. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. My
13 name is Kevin Kutzscher, K-U-T-Z-S-C-H-E-R, and I am a
14 current sitting Schoharie County Representative on the
15 Capital Region Board of Cooperative Education Services.
16 I am very surprised tonight. I didn't really have any
17 prepared remarks but in my thought process of what I
18 might say tonight there's two dates that anybody that has
19 lived in Schoharie County can remember. That is March of
20 1990 when an eight inch pipeline devastated an entire
21 village and August of 2010 when 40 families, 110 people had
22 to be evacuated from the hamlet of Broom Center and Mackey
23 when the pipeline ruptured again. Luckily this time there
24 was no fire. It was a small leak. I put those together
25 with the thought of safety of our students and the

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PM1-36	1 children and our staff and faculty and I remember my
	2 mother calling me and saying, "What should I do? My
	3 mom lives in Mackey. "They've told me I have to leave.
	4 She was over a mile away from the leak. I told her that
	5 she was more than welcome to come to my house. She
	6 decided not to and luckily nothing happened. I just think
	7 that putting the pipeline through our school in the
	8 vicinity of students that are training and using equipment
	9 that they're not familiar with at the time is a really,
	10 really bad idea. I would appeal to everyone to use their
	11 common sense and reposition this away from the school.
	12 Thank you.
PM1-37	13 MR. BOWMAN: Megan Powell? Jack Phelan?
	14 MR. JACK PHELAN: Good evening. My name
	15 is Jack Phelan. It's P-H-E-L-A-N. And I am the current
	16 President of the Capital Region BOCES. I'd first like
	17 to read the letter from our superintendent, Charles
	18 Dietrich who could not attend tonight due to other
	19 commitments. "I am writing to express my opposition to
	20 the Constitution Pipeline Company's request for a right
	21 of way through the Capital Region BOCES Career and
	22 Technical Ed Schools, Schoharie Campus for the purpose
	23 of citing a 30 inch natural gas pipeline. Prehistorical
	24 perspective, I would note that Constitution first offered
	25 Capital Region BOCES \$25,475 for a right of way for the

PM1-36 See the responses to comment CO21 regarding the technical school.

PM1-37 See the responses to comment CO21 regarding the technical school.

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1 pipeline to run through Schoharie Campus. This offer was
2 declined by our Board of Education on September 13, 2013.
3 Constitution made a follow up offer of \$172,830 on November
4 18, 2013 that was also declined. While Capital Region
5 BOCES does not endorse or condemn the Constitution
6 Pipeline project as a whole, it is our position that a 30
7 inch gas pipeline running through the Schoharie Campus
8 would threaten the safety of our students and future of
9 the campus and its programs in that no amount of money
10 would be enough for us to accept a pipeline in that
11 location. It is the mission of Capital Region BOCES to
12 provide educational opportunities in a safe and welcoming
13 learning environment. The safety and welfare of our
14 students in my main concern and it would be irresponsible
15 of me to endorse the location of a gas pipeline on any
16 Capital Region BOCES Educational facility, let alone
17 where we are teaching students how to operate heavy
18 equipment. There are now more than 208 students enrolled
19 at Capital Region BOCES Career and Technical Education
20 School, Schoharie Campus and for their education we use
21 the campus as much as possible. Unlike a traditional
22 school where instruction takes place primarily in a
23 classroom, at Career and Tech the entire campus is the
24 classroom. WE have requested information from
25 Constitution regarding the crossing of the property but

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1 it is still not clear where or how the school would be
2 impacted. To date, the applicant has offered no
3 information as to how our school would be impacted. In
4 conclusion, for the safety and hiring of our students
5 entrusted to our care and for the safety and wellbeing
6 of our children entrusted to our care and for the future
7 of the education program that prepares students for
8 success, we ask that the Constitution Pipeline Company
9 remove its proposed pipeline from the Schoharie Career and
10 Technical Education School campus. To follow up on that,
11 as President of the Board, when we " we represent 24
12 School Districts across four counties and our board is
13 uniformly is opposed to this. When we first looked at
14 this proposal and looked into the ramifications, we were
15 frankly astounded at the idea that this would be placed
16 in this kind of an educational situation where this kind
17 of activities with students operating heavy equipment and
18 which would endanger the pipeline in ways we don't know.

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19 There's also been this area also has, as anybody knows,
20 who has experienced the recent heavy storms and hurricanes
21 22 and the topography of this area which is slopes and has
22 a lot of slopes and it is along I88. That there have
23 been a lot of washouts in this area in Schoharie County.
24 And this pipe would be subject, we fear also, among all
25 our other concerns would be subject to wash and being

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1 exposed to the elements in ways that cannot be predicted
2 now. So in closing, please consider our concerns for our
3 students and have this pipeline moved to another place.
4 Thank you.

5 MR. BOWMAN: Howard Hannum?

6 MR. HOWARD HANNUM: Howard, H-O-W-A-R-D,
7 Hannum, H-A-N-N-U-M. I am cofounder of the Concerned
8 Citizens of Trial Creek. First I'd like to say that the
9 presence of the children be highly are very encouraging
10 and very inspiring. And I can only hope that their
11 enthusiasm would rub off on the children located throughout
12 the Lower county. I direct your attention to 4.9.5 of the
13 document dealing with property values and mortgages.

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14 4.9.5. How many people here tonight tried to sell property
15 in the State of New York? What's the biggest problem?
16 I'll tell you what the biggest problem is. The biggest
17 problem is that the people on the other end can't find
18 a mortgage. How many times have we been on the phone with
19 a broker and we're saying are they coming up this weekend?
20 They're supposed to come up on Sunday. Are they going to be
21 here on Sunday? Well I'm sorry, Mr. Jones, but the buyers
22 can't find a mortgage. If you talk to any broker in any
23 state in the Country they'll tell you New York State
24 real estate is the toughest state to sell a house in
25 the country. When you add in pipeline agreements and

PM1-39 See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values, insurance, and mortgages.

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PM1-39 cont'd	<div>1 land lease agreements and easements, you open yourself</div> <div>2 up to a whole other set of documentation making a very</div> <div>3 difficult situation next to impossible. Now 4.9.5, I'm</div> <div>4 not going to read that to you because it will take up</div> <div>5 the rest of my four minutes, but I will paraphrase and</div> <div>6 say we received comments regarding the potential effect</div> <div>7 of the property and pipeline on property values, specific</div> <div>8 issues mentioning including the evaluation of property</div> <div>9 encumbered by a pipeline easement being the responsible</div> <div>10 party for the property taxes, insurance issues and they</div>
PM1-40	<div>11 three or four paragraphs with timber laws, etc. Land</div> <div>12 values are determined by appraisals which take into</div> <div>13 account objective characteristics of the property,</div> <div>14 such as size, location and adding any improvements.</div> <div>15 However, subjective valuation is generally not considered</div> <div>16 in the appraisals. Well let me state right here, right</div> <div>17 now that if and when I sell my property I will be using</div> <div>18 subjective valuation and I can't think of one self</div> <div>19 respecting New Yorker that would ever sell his or her</div> <div>20 property to a pipeline company from Oklahoma for a value</div> <div>21 that you deem worthy. Now, listen up. This is the good</div>
PM1-41	<div>22 stuff here. Williams Partners submitted three studies</div> <div>23 to prove their point and once again they failed</div> <div>24 miserably. They submitted these three studies. The</div> <div>25 first is a study in 2011 which looked</div>

PM1-40 See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding negotiations and compensation.

PM1-41 See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values.

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1 at the effects of natural gas transmission in the state
2 of Arizona. That has nothing to do with New York State
3 real estate. This next one, study number two, is really
4 going to blow your mind. Studies conducted by PGP
5 Valuation Incorporated in polymer gas transmission and
6 EcoWest in the State of Oregon on the LNG project. Now
7 what makes this unique is the gas company owns all three
8 entities. The gas company basically owns this study. It's
9 like Motor Trend Car of the Year is always a Chevy because
10 Chevy owns the magazine. You'll never find a Dodge as the
11 Motor Trend Car of the Year. While this particular study in
12 Oregon reflects the views of the gas company. They did
13 three bullet points to prove their point in this study.
14 There was no prolonged impact and this one is really one
15 I had to take issue with. Interviews with buyers and
16 brokers indicated no measurable impact on value or price.
17 While I would have to state right here that right now
18 that I know you didn't interview buyers and brokers
19 along the 124 mile Constitution pipeline route because
20 you're not even allowed on 62 percent of the properties.
21 Study number three is the Hansen AL 2006 from the
22 State of Washington which studied effects of the
23 pipeline accident the further you got away. And I will
24 end with this. To the comment on the Hansen AL in
25 particular, I feel that it is overstating the obvious

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1 the further away from an accident you are the more
2 return on your investment. But make no bones about it,
3 my property located 10 miles from your accident will
4 devalue every bit as much as the properties located on
5 200 feet away from the one that you obliterated during
6 the explosion.

7 MR. MOONEYHAN: Mary? Not sure of that
8 last name.

9 MS. MARY FINNERAN: Finneran.

10 MR. MOONEYHAN: Mary Finneran.

11 MS. MARY FINNERAN: Hi. I have some
12 comments I'm going to be leaving out front too because
13 I've got way too much here. But I would like to finish
14 what Diane Sefcik was going to be talking about and then
15 I'll continue with some more of my own stuff. Because of
16 projects with generally traverse sparsely populated areas,

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17 this is from the --. There are a number of persons
18 who would be at risk of injury due to a pipeline failure
19 would be low, I'd say none. There should be none. And
20 there is no evidence that such risk would be dis-
21 proportionately born by any racial, ethnic or socio-
22 economic group. Safety impact models, however, do
23 discriminate against rural people. This is clear in
24 the Federal Standard regulations, as well as the New York
25 DEC

PM1-42 The commentor's statements regarding rural communities are noted. See the response to comment IND241-1.

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PM1-42 cont'd	<p>1 proposed LNG regulations. These standards provide</p> <p>2 great protection for urban populations. All people,</p> <p>3 however, regardless of where we live seem to be</p> <p>4 regarded as collateral damage in the scramble for profit</p> <p>5 and political advantage, especially when you consider that</p> <p>6 they are going through a school. What kind of</p> <p>7 consideration is there that these people care at all about</p> <p>8 the people over profit? None. I want to say that one</p> <p>9 thing, my first general comment about the dice is that it's</p>
PM1-43	<p>10 so obfuscating. You cannot read it. There are no page</p> <p>11 numbers when you go for a search online. They have</p> <p>12 sections. When you put in a certain phrase in the search,</p> <p>13 the sections come up. And they'll say a page. But you</p> <p>14 can't find a page looking at the document. And you can't</p> <p>15 find it online. It is so difficult to find anything</p> <p>16 to comment on. I am a welder. I was a welder, trained</p>
PM1-44	<p>17 welder. I'm extremely concerned about unverified but</p> <p>18 firsthand reports to me that welders on the pipeline in</p> <p>19 Pennsylvania are being trained on the job. Not all but</p> <p>20 some. That's like training a pilot on the job flying.</p> <p>21 As a train welder who studied for more than 1000 hours</p> <p>22 in ARC, MEG, TEG and flex core welding and who worked</p> <p>23 as a girth welder in the round on compressors for air</p> <p>24 conditioning units, so between eight and probably 20</p> <p>25 inch in diameter, some of them were automatic welders,</p>

PM1-43 See the response to comment IND730-1.

PM1-44 See the response to comment IND730-6 regarding welding.

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1 some STK and some MEG, I am very concerned about that
2 welders be ASME certified as a dice indicates they
3 should be. If welders are being trained on the job,
4 you are just asking for some of these explosions that
5 people are talking about. I am also very concerned about
6 welds done on site, due to the difficulty in keeping
7 inclusions out of the welds. I question the testing that
8 will be done and if it will be on every bead, on every
9 pipe. Ideally actually you could probably just throw
10 this all out because this is just another case of where
11 the people are being just bulldozed into this and I really
12 do feel sorry for these people here who have the signs on
13 that their jobs are on the line or their lives are on the
14 line. And these pipelines are just a case of that. I
15 wonder, there's certain things in there that just mention

PM1-45

16 very briefly, Iroquois anticipates using a combination of
17 nitrogen and water from municipal sources for hydrostatic
18 testing. This is on page 66, Section 216. I'm concerned
19 about the lack of detail concerning why that Iroquois
20 Pipeline Group should change for their hydrostatic
21 testing. There's nothing in there about that. I also
22 wonder how much the Iroquois is involved in the
23 construction, whether it's environmental impact
24 statement will be written regarding the connection between
25 the Iroquois. I am very concerned about environmental

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PM1-45	<p>1 harms to soil. According to a Penn State professor in this</p> <p>2 study, topographical soil constraints of shale gas</p> <p>3 development in North Central Appalachians published in</p> <p>4 the September to October 2012 issue of the Soil Science</p> <p>5 Society for American Journal, we now think that pair</p> <p>6 development is a lesser landscape disruption than the</p> <p>7 pipelines. People have talked about that. I see pipelines</p> <p>8 and these.</p> <p>9 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please finish.</p> <p>10 MS. MARY FINNERAN: Eight inch pipelines are</p> <p>11 what we used to. These are 30 inch pipelines. How much</p> <p>12 disruption? How much explosion can happen with a 30 inch</p>
PM1-46	<p>13 pipeline? This has just got to be stopped. No. Thank</p> <p>14 you.</p> <p>15 MR. BOWMAN: Debbie Getz?</p> <p>16 MS. DEBORA GETZ: Good evening. My</p> <p>17 name is Debora Getz, D-E-B-O-R-A G-E-T-Z. I'm very much</p> <p>18 an environmentalist. I don't question that at all.</p> <p>19 However, I also learned that anything in life is</p> <p>20 debatable. You can have the best professional scientists</p> <p>21 and they can all have a different opinion on the same</p> <p>22 thing. We can debate solar. It's natural. It's wonderful.</p> <p>23 However, the panels are made of very toxic materials.</p> <p>24 Wind is very natural. It's wonderful. But the turbines</p> <p>25 have very highly toxic lubricants and chemicals in them.</p>

PM1-46 See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety and comment IND166-2 regarding the impact radius. The commentor’s opposition to the proposed projects is noted.

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1 I've been very blessed and fortunate to have traveled in
2 all 50 states, in Europe and Northern African. Alaska is
3 beautiful. I blogged on the pipeline area and see very
4 robust trees and moose and elk all over and eating
5 around the pipeline areas. There are no problems. I
6 also know there are accidents every day in life, in
7 automobiles, boats, planes. An acquaintance of mine, a
8 very good pilot for 30 years accidentally clipped a tree
9 and went down and went up in flames. I served in the
10 Marine Corp during the Vietnam War. I know people die
11 and I also know people who didn't care about us. They
12 didn't care about our safety. They ridiculed us. I'm
13 very aware of where I live now in a rural area. There's
14 no natural gas drilling, no pipeline, but yet my water
15 is not potable. I have three water filters and an ultra-
16 violet light to have potable water. As far as natural
17 gas, the seats we're sitting in now are because of natural
18 gas, natural gas byproducts are made in so many things.
19 The belts and hoses in cars, our farm equipment are
20 all byproducts of natural gas. Computer, cell phones,
21 I can't imagine anybody giving up a computer and a
22 cell phone now. But yet we don't want natural gas.
23 So I'm not quite understanding that. I see " I know
24 people who are environmentalists but have rusted
25 equipment on their properties which goes into our

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1 drinking water. But they don't seem to care about
2 that. As far as items made from natural gas, 90
3 percent of what we touch is made of natural gas. Our
4 eyeglasses we wear, kids toys, buckets and hoses,
5 farm equipment, belts and hoses in automobiles, all
6 byproducts of natural gas. I don't know how we could
7 live without it. Schools don't have computers and cell
8 phones and pens and water bottles, toothbrushes, toys,
9 everything that you can think of is just about made
10 from byproducts of natural gas. Wood burning stoves,
11 it seems natural but yet we're cutting down trees for
12 wood burning stoves and they leave highly carcinogens
13 in the atmosphere. I don't know why we're not banning
14 tobacco, cigarette smoke. If you're an environmentalist,
15 why on earth would you smoke? You're cutting down trees
16 plus all the carcinogens you're putting in the air.
17 Natural gas pipelines, God, they've been under towns
18 and cities for over 100 years. Are there accidents?
19 Of course. Any time there is a human being involved
20 there is an accident. It just always will happen.

PM1-47 | 21 An accident won't ever stop. As far as the percentage
22 of them, a natural gas pipeline, I can't see a high
23 percentage of an accident. I've seen enough people
24 being blown up in my time. Natural gas is low on the
25 radar for me.

PM1-47 See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety.

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1 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please finish.

2 MS. DEBORA GETZ: If you don't want to

PM1-48 3 have a pipeline in Schoharie County, I'll take it on my
4 property. Thank you.

5 MR. MOONEYHAN: Andrew Mason?

6 MR. ANDREW MASON: My name is Andrew

7 Mason. That's M-A-S-O-N. And I'm co-president of the

8 Delaware Seagull Water bond Society. Our organization

9 had earlier provided comments on the environmental

PM1-49 10 report for the Constitution pipeline. IN our submission
11 we raised concerns over large blocks of relatively
12 unbroken forest habitat that will be fragmented by the
13 pipeline right of way and the negative impacts this will
14 have on interior forest birds. The DEIS states that
15 the right of way will fragment 36 miles of interior forest
16 and over 300 interior wooded tracks. These lands to be
17 bisected by the right of way are the last large forested
18 parcels in the area in many cases. This will be the
19 greatest single act of forest fragmentation in the region.
20 We documented in our submission that this will have major
21 negative impacts on nesting forest birds, many of which
22 are already in decline and at risk. Numerous studies
23 show that creating corridors and forest edges in larger
24 tracks increases the rates of nest predation and
25 parasitism. Birds affected include many neotropical

PM1-48 The commentor's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

PM1-49 See the response to comment FA4-29 regarding forest fragmentation.

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1 migrants such as wood thrush and scarlet tanager as well
2 as resident woodland birds. The fragmented forest
3 areas represent much of the nesting habitat for these
4 species. In turn, Central New York is an important
5 stronghold for breeding habitat for these species. The
6 importance of the remaining undisturbed forest lands
7 cannot be overstated. The DEIS proposes largely und-
8 defined mitigation for impacts on forest birds and states
9 the developer plans to reduce the right of way from 110
10 feet to 100 feet. This demonstrates an appalling ignorance
11 or a convenient avoidance of the science we presented in
12 our comments. A 100 foot corridor is several times the
13 the width that will introduce the negative impacts that
14 are found in avian studies.
15 A 10 foot reduction for mitigation is no mitigation
16 at all. In fact, there is no possible mitigation for
17 these impacts and to suggest that there is serves only
18 to provide the developer with a screen to avoid
19 addressing the true negative impacts of the pipeline
20 regarding birds. Despite the clear scientific
21 consensus and evidence the fragmenting forest produces
22 significant impacts over bird species and despite FERC's
23 own statistics showing that major forested areas will
24 be affected by the pipeline. The DEIS somehow reaches
25 the conclusion, "that the proposed project would not

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1 have a significant adverse effect on wildlife. When
2 projects pose such a clear and present threat to bird
3 habitat as this, one wonders what FERC and its staff
4 could possibly consider a significant adverse impact.
5 The bias n favor of approving this project is blatant
6 and obvious. We urge that this document be withdrawn and
7 and evenhanded and scientifically valid environmental
8 review of this major project be carried out and submitted
9 for public consideration as required by law. Thank you.
10 MR. MOONEYHAN: Mark Galasso?
11 MR. MARK GALASSO: Hello. My name is Mark
12 Galasso, M-A-R-K G-A-L-A-S-S-O. I'd like to thank you
13 for giving me the opportunity to comment on the DEIS
14 for the Constitution pipeline. I'd like to take a little
15 different track. I Googled the U.S. Department of
16 Energy, total U.S. energy consumption, the latest data
17 available, 2012. 26,000 terawatt hours. That's a 27 with 15
18 zeros after it, annual energy consumption, all sources,
19 all purposes. That's residential, commercial, industrial,
20 transportation and electricity generation. That works out
21 to 83 megawatt hours per capita in the United States. Our
22 society, as any modern society, depends on energy. To put
23 into perspective the need for fossil fuels, I went through
24 the math of calculating sole source energy. Starting with
25 Schoharie County as the example, 32,700 residents. For our

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1 per capital share of U.S. energy consumption our county
2 alone would need 310,000 windmills, one megawatt a piece.
3 If we were to sole source nuclear power plants at 1,500
4 megawatts, our county alone would need 200 nuclear power
5 plants. Solar, for our county we would need 5,100 square
6 miles of solar panels. Our entire county is only 626
7 square miles. We would cover eight counties with solar
8 panels killing every fish, every bird, every tree because
9 the sun would be blocked. The U.S. energy consumption to
10 do it 100 percent in solar would cover 96 percent of the
11 Earth's land surface. Straight math right out of Google.
12 Take average energy production of a solar panel and do
13 math. This very room that we are in, natural gas
14 heated. Half of the cost of number two oil. That's
15 savings to this school district which is in hard
16 financial times. Natural gas is 85 percent cleaner
17 than number two oil. The tax revenue that this project
18 calculates out to on the per foot tax generation for
19 the Cobleskill Richmondville School District alone is in
20 excess of \$1.2 million of revenue per year. The
21 advantage of a natural gas energy source as opposed to,
22 and I'll use number two oil as the example, there's no
23 trucks on the road. We're talking thousands of truck
24 trips to equate what a 30 inch gas pipeline can
25 transport. I don't know how many tankers on a train it

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	1 would take to transport that much energy but it's a lot.
	2 The trains go right through our villages. The trucks go
	3 right through over our highways through our roads. The
	4 question is not whether or not there are impacts. Any
	5 proponent who says there are no impacts are being dis-
	6 ingenuous. I am a proponent there are impacts. Any
	7 opponent who says there are no benefits is equally dis-
	8 ingenuous. The question is can society survive with what
	9 our demands are for energy without fossil fuels? I don't
	10 think any honest person can say yes. We can go back to
	11 pre-industrial revolution, mid-1800's. there were no
	12 fossil fuels. There were no windmills. There were no
	13 nuclear power plants. We didn't have any of the
	14 concerns that have been raised her tonight and our
PM1-50	15 average life expectancy was 34 years old. I'm not a
	16 proponent of that. I'm a huge proponent of this pipe-
	17 line. I think it's FERC's obligation to manage every
	18 possible route, minimize the very legitimate concerns
	19 that are out there. They are legitimate. Find the one
	20 that has the least impact and approve it. Thank you.
	21 MR. BOWMAN: Vera Scroggins?
	22 MS. VERA SCROGGINS: My name is Vera
	23 Scroggins, V-E-R-A S-C-R-O-G-G-I-N-S. I want to say that
	24 I'm from Susquehanna County. And we have pipelines there,
	25 hundreds of miles. Since 2008 for the gas drilling

PM1-50 The commentator's statements in support of the proposed projects are noted.

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PM1-51	<p>1 industry. And in our pipelines they're using a lot of</p> <p>2 people who are from out of the area. So I hear a lot of</p> <p>3 union people here talking about if, a lot of if's. If</p> <p>4 they use our labor. Are you guaranteed by Williams to</p> <p>5 be employed? What unions are being guaranteed by</p> <p>6 Williams to be employed? Because if you look in our</p> <p>7 county where Williams operates, they use a lot of out of</p> <p>8 area people. And they also use non-union besides union.</p> <p>9 So unless you're guaranteed, I wouldn't count on it.</p> <p>10 You'll see the percentage that they will use. And with</p>
PM1-52	<p>11 that, when they use the pipelines and they go through all</p> <p>12 the wetlands, the streams, the creeks, the areas of water,</p> <p>13 just like in our county, we've had all kinds of impacts.</p> <p>14 We've had drill mud releases a number of times in all the</p> <p>15 waterways. And that impacts the area. They've been</p> <p>16 fined by the fish and boat commission for the impacts.</p> <p>17 Are you willing to experience that as they go through your</p> <p>18 wetlands and your environment? This is not a risk free</p> <p>19 operation. You're talking right now it's a 30 inch</p> <p>20 pipeline. Some of the pipelines that have of course</p> <p>21 are smaller even and now we have the 30 inch and some</p>
PM1-53	<p>22 are bigger. I would like to say also that with that</p> <p>23 comes the infrastructure, the additional compressor</p> <p>24 14 stations that may be added to this pipeline. When they</p> <p>25 did a 16 inch of my county and where I live, they told</p>

PM1-51 See the response to comment IND205-1 regarding jobs.

PM1-52 Sensitive resources, as well as potential impacts and mitigation, are discussed in the EIS for waterbodies (section 4.3.3), wetlands (section 4.4 and appendix L), and wildlife (section 4.6.1).

PM1-53 See the response to comment FA4-2 regarding the need for additional compressor stations.

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1 16 us " the company told us and reassured us that there
2 would
3 be no compressor stations along that line. WE asked them
4 a number of times. I was an intervener for that line.
5 I'm an intervener for this line. And then when the pipe-
6 line was built, we now have eight compressor stations on
7 that -- along that line where they promised us and said
8 there would be none. So it might be very difficult to
9 believe this company as well as other companies will
10 they sign it? Will they write it in writing for you?
11 Will they promise that they will have no compressor
12 stations like they're stating besides the ones that
13 are here now? Get everything in writing because
14 what they tell you one thing is not always what
15 happens later. And with those compressor stations

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16 come all kinds of toxic emissions by the tons. But
17 each station besides constant noise for those who are
18 nearby. And then they tell you also what kind of
19 classification is for this pipeline. We are in a
20 rural area just like yourselves. Anything that's
21 10 homes or less in like a linear mile is considered
22 by FERC a class one classification. Class 1 means the
23 least amount of regulations. The more people in an
24 area, the more regulations, the more enforcement and
25 the more inspections. So what are you classified as?

PM1-54 See the response to comments CO41-21 and IND13-4 regarding air quality.

PM1-55 Section 4.11.2 of the EIS provides a discussion of noise.

PM1-56 See the response to comment IND241-1 regarding class locations.

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PM1-57	1 From what I'm seeing it looks like it's going to be 2 like where I am, Class 1. So you're talking about a 3 30 inch line. Do you know what kind of impact area if 4 there is a leak and there is an explosion? When you're 5 talking pressures of up to 1500 pounds per square inch, 6 you're talking about massive pressures here. This is not 7 like suburbia where they have small lines and small 8 pressure. If that should leak and that should blow, 9 you're talking about miles of an impact area. Now
PM1-58	10 these lines are going through farms like I'm hearing, 11 near homes, just like near me there is no setback, no 12 minimum setback. I'm not sure what it is here. You 13 may probably have the same thing. No minimum setback. 14 We have lines within hundred feet of homes. We have 15 compressor stations within 400 feet of homes. There's 16 no minimum setback for that either.
	17 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please conclude.
	18 MS. VERA SCROGGINS: So if anything
	19 happens, you are talking about miles of impacts. Are you
PM1-59	20 ready to endure something like that besides the devaluing 21 of your properties, the value of your property because 22 who is going to buy something with a 30 inch line going 23 through your area and your towns? Thank you very much.
	24 MR. MOONEYHAN: Craig Stevens?
	25 MR. CRAIG STEVENS: Good evening, and thanks

PM1-57 See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety and comment IND166-2 regarding the impact radius.

PM1-58 See the response to comment IND292-8 regarding setback distances.

PM1-59 See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values, insurance, and mortgages.

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1 for the opportunity for me to speak. My name is Craig,
2 C-R-A-I-G Steven, S-T-E-V-E-N-S. I'm a six generation
3 landowner in Pennsylvania, Silver Lake Township. My mom is
4 from
5 Oswego. I'm a fifth generation New Yorker. Here tonight
6 I think you need to rename this project the un-
7 Constitutional pipeline. Thank you very much. There is
8 the Constitution itself. I carry it in my back pocket
9 every day. My dad called it the rule book. Let me read
10 for you Amendment 5 which says, "nor be deprived,
11 liberty or property without due process of law, nor
12 shall private property be taken for public use
13 without just compensation. Ask the people that live
14 near the pipeline that blew up in Kentucky that leveled
15 multiple homes what just compensation would be, especially
16 if a family member's life was taken in that. America's
17 fuel, no, folks, we're America's fools. There is 37
18 import/export terminals in place right now. They're
19 trying to reverse flow because we have to do what? Save
20 Ukraine and Western Europe? How about we start saving
21 ourselves first? Any time you're competing with a
22 foreign country for the same commodity that we need in
23 our own homes, guess what? The price goes up, folks, and
24 that's the law of supply and demand. Of course we could
25 look at what's happening to my land owning partners.

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See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export. See the response to comment IND205-3 regarding the price of gas.

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PM1-61 1 You know these wells, these hydro frack, high volume
2 wells are lasting about three to five years of output.
3 The first year alone is up to 70 percent reduction in
4 its output. Is that what we're selling out for is a
5 couple years of fuel out of each well? Because if you
6 think my neighbors are getting rich in Pennsylvania,
7 the biggest, the fastest moving legislation right now
8 in Pennsylvania is the Royalty Protection Act. Hey,
9 these fools that are coming here telling us they're
10 going to make us all kind of money don't even know
11 how to pay people on a legal contract, and they're
12 getting their rearends sued off where we're at.
13 Environmental impact statement, let's look at the
14 Constitutional impact statement for a moment.
15 Suspending operations for import. There is no such
16 thing as import of natural gas. But, they're setting
PM1-62 17 up export. Now I asked the Constitution Pipeline people
18 in Williams last year when you were doing the scoping
19 hearings directly on camera if they know where this gas
20 is going and if they can assure me it's not going
21 overseas. Guess what? They said, "WE don't know where it
22 goes after Albany. Well if you just go on their Website
23 you can see under "key points one of the highlighted
24 items is the L&G Exports on their own Website, guys. Is
25 this thing on, FERC? Are you listening to me? They don't

PM1-61 See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

PM1-62 See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export.

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2 what they're doing. Please, they abuse us as landowners.
3 The pipeline that went across my property, we were assured
4 and I have the legal document here showing they were

PMI-63 | 5 supposed to put in an erosion and sediment control, not
6 harm the environment. Well guess what? They got found
7 guilty by not one but two agencies in Pennsylvania.
8 Fish and boat and DEP that they violated their own
9 agreement with me and guess what? They fined them
10 \$20,000 after filing five criminal complaints. Now
11 that wasn't Williams. Williams now owns that pipeline.
12 And by the way, if you guys are from Williams, come
13 up to my property and tell me how you're going to clean
14 up the mess left behind by your predecessors. Hey,
15 they spent \$150 million to put that pipeline in. And
16 you know what they sold it for to Williams? Lazer did.
17 \$750 million. By the way, they only gave \$350 million in
18 cash. \$450 million in stock. So the same guys that ran
19 that pipeline across my property and destroyed my
20 property doing it are major shareholders in the company
21 that wants to do this. And don't even let me get started
22 on Cabot. I got documents right here from our own State

PMI-64 | 23 DEP saying they contaminated the water of 19 of my
24 neighbors, and that's the documents from the DEP and
25 hundreds more that were released last years, documents

PM1-63 See the response to comment FA4-12 regarding our third-party monitoring program.

PM1-64 See the response to comment LA4-2 regarding water well testing.

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cont'd 1 showing massive water contamination. Be careful what you
2 ask for New York. You might get it. Come down and see
3 what's really going on or talk to real land owners that
4 care about private property rights and civil rights and
PM1-65 5 ask these people who are you kidding. They've been allowed
6 for the last two years, Williams, to go around to these
7 local communities and give out "grants . Millions of
8 dollars of grants. Thanks very much but keep your
9 grants. We've had enough of your buy off money in
10 Northeastern Pennsylvania. We're not interested
11 anymore in falling for the banana in the tailpipe, as
12 Eddie Murphy said in Beverly Hills Cop. We don't need
13 your gas. You know why? We " if it's going to come out
14 of my backyard, let us use it here. Why do our propane
15 prices go up three times higher than last year just in the
16 last 90 days? They reversed the flow of that pipeline
PM1-66 17 and you probably let them steal by eminent domain.
18 Instead of coming up with propane, they're sending all
19 of our's down. We are a third world attraction colony
20 and, hey, all you guys in the orange shirts back there
21 hoping for jobs, yeah be careful what you're asking for.
22 Some of the jobs I've seen are not very fun. Secondly "
23 or safe. Secondly, make them guarantee you jobs, and any
24 job will be short term. And for the landowners, say not
25 to this and say no fast. They'll offer a few bucks a

PM1-65 The commentor's statements regarding Constitution's
Community Grant Program are noted.

PM1-66 See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain.
See the response to comment IND205-1 regarding jobs. See the
response to comment FA8-3 regarding compensation.

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1 foot and they'll steal it lifetime.

2 MR. BOWMAN: Please conclude your comments.

3 MR. CRAIG STEVENS: I will in saying that,
4 guess what? When they're making billions of dollar
5 sending that gas through your property that they sold by
6 eminent domain and paid you a few bucks and cut down
7 all the trees in the pipeline route, you're going to
8 get pennies. Wake up. And figure out a different way
9 to do this because I need energy but I need clean water,
10 and I need my civil rights a lot more than they need my
11 land for a pipeline. Thank you.

12 MR. BOWMAN: William Huston?

13 MR. WILLIAM HUSTON: Hello there. Thank
14 you. Thank you for holding these hearings. The last
15 name is H-U-S-T-O-N. I just want to say that I've really
16 been following this for quite some time and just as a
17 point of reference, there were actually in the Spectra "
18 I want to call it the resistance group because it's really
19 a massive group based in New York City that was involved in
20 the Spectra pipeline resistance. They were able to
21 achieve, I think, 600 interveners prior to the Spectra
22 docket. The largest number of interveners in any FERC
23 docket was 35. They filed 5000 comments. Many of them
24 were substantive, and the pipeline is in the ground.
25 And it's in service. So I question exactly is this going

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1 to have any effect? Maybe it's just like a big show.
2 It's to channel our energies into a theatre where we
3 don't have any agency. But regardless of that, we are
4 still gathered here because we want to believe that this
5 process might have an impact. So I'm just going to
6 point out a couple of issues about the application and
7 also the draft EIS, and I want to echo all the other
8 people that said that this is like laughable and the
9 clear bias is obvious for anybody that looks at the
10 draft EIS. I'll give you an example. So I made a video
11 about this and basically the question is what is the
12 start of the Constitution pipeline? And it's really
13 curious because when you ask Williams' employees, you
14 actually get three different answers. You get half the
15 time they'll say, "Yes it is the start. I'm sorry. The
16 William Central Station is the start of the Constitution
17 pipeline and Brooklyn Township, Pennsylvania, Susquehanna
18 County. Let's say a third of the time they say that.
19 Another third of the time they'll say, "No, William Central
20 Station, that is a completely separate project. And then
21 the other third of the time is really bizarre because
22 they'll say yes and no. They'll say, "Yes, well it is the
23 the start of the Constitution but it's not part of the
24 Constitution. And I just do like a face palm at that
25 point. I'm like what? It's the beginning but it's not

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See the response to comment CO41-29 regarding William's Central Compressor Station.

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1 part? Okay. And I noticed that FERC has adopted this
2 scheme because FERC calls it a related but non-
3 jurisdictional facility. Hmm. Okay. It's related but
4 non-jurisdictional. Curiously the draft environmental
5 impact statement actually lists that there's three
6 compressor stations that are going to be at the
7 beginning of this pipeline. And one of them is in
8 New Milford, PA where we're going to be all on Thursday
9 and it's double. I mean I flown over William Central
10 Station and it's massive, and it's just I think it's
11 four engines. This one in New Milford, I haven't seen
12 it yet but it's eight engines. It's big. Let's go
13 back to William Central Station. Does William Central
14 Station have any environmental impacts? Well it turns
15 out it does. It has a lot. 98,801 tons per year. This
16 is a train car loaded with coal 10 miles long. That's
17 the environmental impact of just one of the three
18 compressor stations at the beginning of this activity.
19 Does the draft environmental impact statement recognize
20 any of the impacts of the initial compressors? Well it
21 does, and it says, "These impacts can be estimated but
22 curiously it doesn't go about any calculations or any
23 estimates of what those environmental impacts are.
24 The other thing is that the environmental impacts of
25 the draft EIS only take into account the environmental

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1 impacts of the pipeline itself. So what's' really
2 strange about this is it kind of like just omits or
3 maybe forgets about what's being transported in the
4 pipeline. Is there any environmental impact

5 MR. BOWMAN: Please conclude your
6 comments.

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7 MR. WILLIAM HUSTON: --of the gas in
8 the pipeline? 650 dekatherms per day. So I did some
9 initial calculations. I'm going to wrap up but I just
10 want to say this last point. I just did some calculations
11 to figure out what is, because somebody asked me this
12 months ago and it really has taken me months to figure
13 it this out. So I'm going to tell you and all of you today
14 the result of this calculation. The question is how many
15 gas wells in Susquehanna County is required to keep the
16 Constitution pipeline at 650,000 dekatherms per day?

17 Does the draft document, look at that or ask that
18 question? No. Hold on. This is really important. So

19 MR. BOWMAN: 30 seconds, Mr. Huston. Please,
20 30 seconds used up.

21 MR. WILLIAM HUSTON: Tell them to give me
22 time.

23 MR. BOWMAN: You're wasting your time. 30
24 second.

25 MR. WILLIAM HUSTON: Listen. This is an

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PM1-68 cont'd	<p>1 important question that is not in the draft EIS. You</p> <p>2 should be asking this question, not me. The answer is</p> <p>3 initially 110 new wells and 80 new wells per year. I</p> <p>4 want you to ask my friends, Craig and Vera, that's</p> <p>5 double Cabot's production in Pennsylvania. Cabot's</p> <p>6 activities in Susquehanna County is going to double</p> <p>7 for the Constitution pipeline and there has already</p> <p>8 been drastic impacts.</p> <p>9 MR. BOWMAN: I'm going to ask everyone</p> <p>10 to please respect the speaker while he's speaking.</p> <p>11 MR. WILLIAM HUSTON: Thank you. I'm done.</p> <p>12 MR. BOWMAN: Raymond Gills?</p>
PM1-69	<p>13 MR. RAYMOND GILLS: Hello. R-A-Y L-E-W-I-S.</p> <p>14 First of all, I would like to disclose that I am also a</p> <p>15 proud union member and I can relate very well to their</p> <p>16 concerns about jobs. But what's interesting is almost</p> <p>17 all of the support tonight has revolved around job</p> <p>18 creation. Now I'll come back to that in a moment. WE</p> <p>19 all know that the wording "eminent domain is purely</p> <p>20 sugar coating for stealing. Alright? I'm going to repeat</p> <p>21 that. We all know that the wording for eminent domain is</p> <p>22 stealing. This is America. And not one job, not one</p> <p>23 single job should ever be created by stealing anyone's</p> <p>24 property. Thank you.</p> <p>25 MR. BOWMAN: Michael Empey?</p>

PM1-69 See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain.

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PM1-70	1 MR. MICHAEL EMPEY: Michael Empey, common
	2 spelling Michael, E-M-P-E-Y. Boy, this is difficult.
	3 You know the three things that I'm hearing here I think I
	4 can just bring down to a few elements and that's economics,
	5 environment and then eminent domain has been spoken here
	6 so many times this evening. And I think that as I travel
	7 around the country and I've been in Colorado. I've been
	8 in Wyoming. I've been in North Dakota. I've been in
	9 Montana. I've seen this gas development follow me
	10 around the country. I can say that, oh it's like a
	11 Monty game. I think that the environment and the people
	12 are always the losers in this game. It always seems to
	13 be a stacked deck for the production companies. Now I
	14 think that you know when you're talking about the
	15 Constitution pipeline and the environmental aspects of it,
	16 also has to include looking at these other elements as
	17 well, particularly the economics. Now it's not a real
	18 energy policy behind the shale gas. And I would like to
	19 offer some quotations, not of my own, but they're from
	20 an industry expert. And if you give me just a moment,
	21 I'll just look at this. This is an Arthur Berman and
	22 this is found on oilprice.com, and this was interview
	23 with him. He is a geological consultant with 34 years
	24 of experience in petroleum exploration production. He
	25 is currently consulting for several EMP companies and

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Socioeconomics are discussed in section 4.9 of the EIS. See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain. See the response to comment CO1-2 regarding environmental impacts.

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1 capital groups in the energy sector. He frequently
2 gives keynote addresses for investment conferences and
3 is interviewed about energy topics on television, radio
4 and national print and Web publications, including
5 CNBC, CNN, Platts Energy Week, BNN, Bloomberg, Platts
6 Financial Times and the New York Times. Now some of
7 the quotes in this extensive interview were just mind
8 opening to me anyway, and I'd like to have an open mind
9 but I don't have an open mind to the point that my brain
10 is going to fall out. So I'm looking at this, I think,
11 fairly. So quote, "Recently the CEO of a major oil
12 company told the Houston Chronicle that the shale
13 revolution is only the first inning of a nine inning
14 game. I guess he must have lost track of the score
15 while waiting in line for hot dogs because production
16 production growth in the United States in U.S. shale
17 gas plays excluding the Marsalis is approaching zero.
18 Growth in the Balkan and Eagle Ford has fallen from
19 43 percent in mid-2011 to 7 percent in late 2013. Oil
20 companies have to make a big deal about shale plays
21 because that is all that is left in the world. Let's
22 face it. These are truly awful reservoir rocks, and
23 that is why we waited until all the more attractive
24 opportunities were exhausted before developing them.
25 It is completely unreasonable to expect better

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PM1-71	1 performance from bad reservoirs than from better
	2 reservoirs. Quote, "Production from shale gas is
	3 not a revolution. It is a retirement party
	4 Quote, "The shale gas boom is not a sustainable
	5 except at higher gas prices in the United States
	6 which we've all suspect and believed anyway.
	7 Quote, "Investors have tolerated a lot of cheerleading
	8 about shale gas over the years but I don't think this
	9 is going to last. Quote, " Taken together, the U.S.
	10 needs to replace 19 billion cubic feet per day each
	11 year to maintain production at flat levels. That's
	12 almost four Barnett shale plays at full production
	13 each year. So you can see how hard it is, well, it will
	14 be to sustain gas production. Then there are all the
	15 efforts to use it up faster; natural gas vehicles, exports
	16 to Mexico, L&G exports, closing coal in nuclear plants.
	17 So it only gets harder. This winter, things have begun
	18 to unravel. Comparative gas storage inventories are
	19 near their 2003 low. Sure, weather is the main factor
	20 but that's always the case. The simple truth is that
	21 supply has not been able to adequately meet winter
	22 demand this year, period. Say what you want about why,
	23 but it is a fact that is not inconsistent with the
	24 fairytales we continue to hear about cheap, abundant
	25 gas forever. Because of high decline rates, new wells

PM1-71 See the response to comment LA9-4 regarding natural gas reserves.

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	1 must constantly be drilled to maintain production.	
	2 Shale plays will last for years, not decades. I	
	3 expect by the time that all the construction is	
	4 completed to allow gas exports, the domestic price	
	5 will be high enough not to bother. It amazes me that	
PM1-72	6 the geniuses behind gas export assume that the business	
	7 conditions that resulted in the price benefit overseas	
	8 will remain static until they finish building export	
	9 facilities and that the competition will simply stand by	
	10 when the awesome Americans bring gas to their markets.	
	11 The U.S. acts like we are some kind of natural gas super-	
	12 star because of shale gas. Has anyone looked at how the	
	13 U.S. stacks up next to Russia, Iran and Qatar for natural	
	14 gas reserves? Everyone agrees that oil and gas will cost	
	15 more if we allow exports.	
	16 MR. BOWMAN: Please conclude your comments.	
	17 MR. MICHAEL EMPEY: That's all I have.	
	18 Thank you.	
	19 MR. BOWMAN: Barbara Mauro?	
	20 MS. BARBARA MAURO: What I learned tonight	
	21 is this microphone works better than that one. My name is	
	22 Barbara Mauro. I'll spell it. B-A-R-B-A-R-A, Mauro,	
	23 M-A-U-R-O. I'm speaking this evening in my capacity	
	24 as a Board member of the Capital Region BOCES which	
	25 as you already know owns and operates the Career and	

PM1-72 See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export.

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PM1-73	<p>1 Technical School located at 174 State Route 30A in</p> <p>2 Schoharie. I'm testifying to be on record in opposition</p> <p>3 to the construction of the gas pipeline on the property</p> <p>4 of the Career and Technical School, and I agree with</p> <p>5 everything everyone else has said with regard to the</p> <p>6 campus as not being suitable location for the pipeline</p> <p>7 because of the program and the effect it will have on</p> <p>8 the school and our education and the students. But I'm</p> <p>9 going to speak tonight from the point of view of the</p> <p>10 pipeline, not the point of view of the students. And</p> <p>11 my opposition to the location of the pipeline across the</p> <p>12 campus is based on environmental and safety factors. But</p> <p>13 with regard to the very unique terrain of the school and</p> <p>14 what has happened to the campus " the school campus because</p> <p>15 of all the activity which we've already heard about that</p> <p>16 the students undertake in their course of education. So</p> <p>17 we already know that the campus is an outdoor classroom</p> <p>18 for the schools' heavy equipment program. This is where</p> <p>19 our high school students learn to operate heavy machinery,</p> <p>20 backhoes, dozers, excavators. We all know that the</p> <p>21 students learn by doing. We've heard that. They learn</p> <p>22 by digging into and moving the soil. They build ponds.</p> <p>23 They fill them in. They build them again. They repeat</p> <p>24 these activities class after class, year after year all</p> <p>25 over the campus. So let me try to ask you to picture,</p>

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1 just get a mental picture in your mind of the very unique
2 aspects of the school's terrain based on where it is but
3 also based on what's been happening to this terrain over
4 all these years. So let's picture this in our minds.
5 Picture acres of land going uphill from the school
6 building, uphill right toward interstate 88, the
7 border, which is where they want to put the pipeline.
8 So all these acres of land, this is routinely dug up
9 and moved by the students. And in many spots on the
10 land, there is very little or no vegetation. So in these
11 areas don't look for any trees, bushes or grass. You see
12 those in the wooded areas but plenty of the space is
13 sort of muddy and it looks like dirty that's been moved
14 around. So what I'm concerned about, and I think we
15 should all be, is having a pipeline perched atop this
16 downhill slope. So we have this big downhill slope of
17 land and we're going to put this pipeline right across
18 there, perched right across this slope of land. Now
19 I question whether soil and earth and dirt that has been
20 moved around so much would be suitable and even stable
21 enough downhill from the pipeline to shore up the bed
22 of pipeline. So that's the mental picture of the
23 slope and the pipeline. Now let's add heavy rainfall
24 to our mental picture of this terrain of our campus.
25 okay, let's think about how this loosened up soil

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1 could just turn into mud, just easily be washed away
2 downhill from the pipeline, maybe even from underneath
3 the pipeline itself. Now compare this type of heavy
4 rain if it was falling on undisturbed ground covered
5 with grass and vegetation. The difference is very
6 stark. Heavy rainfall on our campus, not good.
7 Heavy rainfall someplace else, maybe not so bad. So
8 let's just add one more thing to this picture. Let's
9 add historical events such as the record flooding along
10 the Schoharie Creek that we all know is caused by Hurricane
11 Irene's torrential rains in August 2011. We all know
12 approximately a third of the homes and businesses in the
13 Village of Schoharie were destroyed. Even the old Blenheim
14 Bridge, a landmark that's withstood the forces of nature
15 for 156 years was washed away. Let's also remember
16 something else that happened a little while further
17 back. Let's think about what happened on the New York
18 State Freeway in 1987 just about 25 miles north of here
19 on the same creek, the Schoharie Creek. That was the
20 collapse of the throughways, Schoharie Creek Bridge.
21 Now that was a bridge that was part of the New York State
22 Throughway. It spanned Schoharie Creek near Fort Hunter for
23 about 30 years until what happened? It collapsed. We all
24 remember this. It collapsed
25 MR. BOWMAN: Conclude your comments, ma'am.

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PM1-74	1 MS. BARBARA MAURO: --after a record
	2 rainfall. So I'm concluding with this. Rain and flood
	3 waters are powerful forces and if we combine that with the
	4 reality of the unique conditions on our campus, I think
	5 our conclusion should be that a pipeline should not be
	6 part of this picture. So I respectfully request that the
	7 Commission do not permit a pipeline to be built across
	8 the campus of Schoharie Career and Technical School. Thank
	9 you very much.
	10 MR. BOWMAN: Colleen McKinney?
	11 MS. COLLEEN MCKINNEY: Hi. Thanks for
	12 hearing us today. My name is Colleen McKinney,
	13 C-O-L-L-E-E-N M-C-K-I-N-N-E-Y. I didn't expect to speak
	14 tonight, so I'm reading from my phone. Many people say we
	15 need this pipeline because it will bring jobs to Upstate
	16 New York. According to 4.9.1 population and employment of
	17 the DEIS, during the eight month construction period of the
	18 Constitution pipeline, quote, "Approximately 75 percent
	19 of the total workforce would be non-local. It also says
	20 that most of those jobs would be the higher skilled,
	21 higher pay paying jobs. That's in the DEIS. Again,
	22 quoting the DEIS, "Assuming the construction workforce
	23 comprises a maximum of 1300 individuals, this project
	24 would generate at most 325 temporary local jobs during
	25 the eight month construction period. I did the math

PM1-74 See the response to comment IND113-1 regarding flooding.

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PM1-75	1 here because it wasn't included. 325 jobs. Quoting
	2 further, "An estimated seven new full time local employees
	3 would be directly hired to operate the facilities on a
	4 permanent basis. And I'll repeat that. According to the
	5 DEIS, Constitution pipeline would create seven full time
	6 local jobs.
	7 MALE: Seven?
	8 MS. COLLEEN MCKINNEY: Yeah. The
	9 reality is that this pipeline will cause a net loss of
	10 jobs once it's in the ground. In the short term it would
	11 be good for 325 people here and those other 925 people
	12 from out of state would be a boom to bars, motels, fat
	13 food chains, walk in emergency clinics and I'm sad to say
	14 prostitution. It is well documented that these are the
	15 businesses that profit from the workers of pipelines and
	16 fracking infrastructure build out. In less than a year,
	17 however, these temporary out of state employees will be
	18 gone. Those 325 temporary local jobs will be gone and
PM1-76	19 seven lucky people might have permanent jobs. The
	20 Catskills and Southern Tier are tourists destinations
	21 and farming communities. A high pressure gas pipeline
	22 and the fracking that would inevitably follow would condemn
	23 this region to an economic fate farmers have ever seen
	24 Here is only a partial list of current revenue building
	25 industries that would be threatened by this pipeline and

PM1-75 See the response to comment IND205-1 and IND205-2 regarding jobs.

PM1-76 See the response to comment IND297-3 regarding farms. See the response to comment IND337-2 regarding tourism. See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

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1 fracking. Trout fishing, hunting, bed and breakfasts,
2 camp grounds, canoe rentals, restaurants, dairies, beef
3 cattle operations, vegetable farms, apple orchards and
4 berry growers, breweries, cider makers and distilleries,
5 cheese makers, yogurt factories, garden centers and
6 landscape businesses, equestrian centers and stables,
7 retreat centers, caterers, farmers markets, colleges and
8 universities, technical schools. These relatively small
9 businesses may seem inconsequential when compared to a
10 large out of state company such as Constitution Pipeline.
11 Collectively, however, these businesses, many of them
12 independent, are the foundation of our region's economy
13 and are responsible for a significant amount of its
14 revenue. These small businesses represent the work of
15 many local people positively effecting our economy, our
16 environment and the general public's impression of the
17 Catskills and Southern Tier. They care about what
18 happens, these business do, to our air, water and
19 landscape. We who live far out in the country,
20 me, will never be able to look into natural gas.
21 We're too remote to make it financially feasible to
22 run lights to us. People who live in villages along
23 the pipeline may be able to access gas, but only after
24 they pay a hefty fee to run a line from their house to
25 the municipal line, a fee that often runs in the

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See the response to comment IND205-3 regarding natural gas prices. See the response to comment IND30-1 regarding local distribution.

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1 thousands. Should a homeowner decide to take the
2 gamble and pay to tap in, who is to say that gas
3 prices will stay low? In fact, Constitution
4 Pipeline Company has reported to its investors that it
5 will be exporting its fracked gas to Canada and other
6 places out of this country. There it will command a
7 high price, and here we will have less and less gas.
8 It will become more expensive. Homeowners will be stuck
9 with a new form of heating, fuel that ends up being more
10 20 costly than what they formerly had. Our region will be
11 home to a high pressure, highly potentially explosive
12 gas pipeline which is not great for attracting tourists
13 or students. And Constitution and its shareholders will
14 see great profits. Does this seem like a fair trade off?
15 Thank you.

16 MR. BOWMAN: Renee Robowski? Denise
17 Capece?

18 MS. DENISE CAPECE: Hi. My name is
19 Denise Capece. That's D-E-NI-S-E C-A-P-E-C-E. And I'm
20 here with Capital Region BOCES, specifically the
21 Schoharie Career and Technical School. I am the principal
22 at the Schoharie Career and Technical School since 2005.
23 Upon learning technology and integrated academics are
24 essential to the successful student experiences with
25 providing our CTE programs. Is there not professional

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PM1-78	1 heavy equipment operators that we have on this campus?
	2 They're students practicing their skills. They need
	3 room to make mistakes and learn. The proposal to sign
	4 a gas pipeline in our campus would have a damaging effect
	5 on our programs, particularly those that include
	6 construction and heavy machinery such as excavators,
	7 backhoes, bulldozers and compaction equipment. All of
	8 these machines are operated regularly near the proposed
	9 pipeline location. In addition to the safety concerns,
	10 BOCES officials are also concerned that simply having a
	11 30 inch gas pipeline running through the Schoharie campus
	12 will threaten the future of the campus and its programs.
	13 Depending on the actual location of the pipeline, if
	14 approved, at the right of way given to the
	15 Constitutional Pipeline, a large portion of the
	16 campus would be rendered useless. WE used every square
	17 inch of our Schoharie Campus for education and we need
	18 to maintain and as is in order to maintain and provide
	19 the quality hands on programs our students and their
	20 families have grown to expect from us. That land is
	21 our student's classroom. Should this proposal become
	22 a reality, it would severely limit their education and
	23 their futures. Thank you.
	24 MR. MOONEYHAN: Epifanio Bevilacqua?
	25 MR. EPIFANIO BEVILACQUA: I'm Epifanio

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PM1-79	1 Bevilacqua, B-E-V-I-L-A-C-Q-U-A. We need to condemn 2 the pipeline. The DIS is incomplete. They didn't put in 3 the compressor stations. They're not only telling you 4 pieces of the puzzle. This should be condemned. It
PM1-80	5 should be stopped. Plus they're under investigation. 6 They think they come here they're going to own Upstate 7 New York. Constitution Pipeline. Also the environmental 8 that Dari Meglio is on this and hopefully the District 9 Attorney will be on this. So everybody is going to get 10 22 investigated, be subpoenaed. I dealt with the FBI, so 11 I'm 12 not afraid. Keep playing games, Constitution. Pack up. 13 MR. MOONEYHAN: Clark Rhoades? 14 SPEAKER: He's in the bathroom. Can you call 15 him again? 16 MR. MOONEYHAN: Okay. Leo McAllister? 17 MR. LEO MCALLISTER: Leo McAllister, 18 M-C-A-L-L-I-S-T-E-R. Thank you for letting me speak 19 today. My wife and I moved here about 42 years ago. We 20 moved here because of the terrain, the hills, the valleys. 21 It was a beautiful area. We raised five children here. 22 We have two of them have come back to this community, and 23 we have three grandchildren here. So the last thing I 24 want to see is a problem with our environment in this 25 community. About that same time that we came here, there

PM1-79 See the response to comment FA1-1.

PM1-80 See the response to comment CO47-1.

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1 was another transportation line that was proposed for this
2 area. And for most of you know that was I88. And I
3 certainly had my doubts whether I would want a four lane
4 highway coming through Schoharie County. And I'm sure there
5 were at the time meetings like this for people to express
6 their views on it. I'm sure a lot of people were for it.
7 And a lot of people were against it, just like the
8 pipeline. And I certainly didn't even really know, I
9 didn't want our environment messed up because it was a
10 place I wanted to be for the rest of my life. It's
11 interesting because there is noise here with the interstate,
12 and it has taken up area that was beautiful valley.
13 And unlike the pipeline which will take up very
14 minimal property in this county, it has created a
15 little bit of a problem for us. But I'll bet you
16 most of the people in this room would not want to
17 have 88 go away and go back to Route 7 and Route 20.
18 It took me 2.5 hours to get to Binghamton when I had
19 to go there prior to 88 coming through. Now I
20 understand that with the Stanton's and with this
21 BOCES, there obviously should be some things worked
22 out through FERC to help them out. But one of the "
23 in fact many of the people who talked tonight, talked
24 about pipeline safety. And it's interesting because
25 if you look at the " and we talked about different

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PM1-81 1 accidents that happened throughout the country. There's
2 a four times greater chance of you or I getting struck
3 by lightening than a pipeline accident. Most of us who
4 came here tonight came either by car or bus or by truck.
5 And there's a 3000 times greater chance for us being
6 killed in one of those than a pipeline accident, and
7 that's a fact. We've had a pipeline in the Northern part
8 Schoharie county for over 50 years. We've never had a
9 problem. In fact, most of us wouldn't even know where
10 it's going to go or where it does go because vegetation
11 grows up afterwards. The same thing will be true of
12 this pipeline. The other thing that was mentioned
13 by some people that " someone's going to get paid
14 some money to do this. This county is going to get
15 paid over \$4 million a year from the real estate
16 taxes on this pipeline. This school district,
17 will get over million dollars.
18 Put that in perspective. We'd have to build 300 to 400
19 homes in this town and village to usurp that much tax
20 levy. Think about how many " the gas, the water, the
21 sewer, the infrastructure, all the costs for 300 to 400
22 homes, and it just wouldn't happen obviously. So it
23 isn't minimal, the impact of this pipeline here in this
24 13 area. I hope that FERC takes everything into
25 consideration.

PM1-81 The commentator's statements in support of the proposed projects are noted.

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PM1-82	1 I certainly am glad for the opportunity to speak, and I'm
	2 glad you came out here. Thank you very much.
	3 MR. MOONEYHAN: Clark Rhoades?
	4 MR. CLARK RHOADES: Clark Rhoades,
	5 R-H-O-A-D-E-S. What I'm going to talk about is the
	6 potential impact raise. The question that I have is, and
	7 I know the answer, which is that you don't have to
	8 inform the people running on either side of the pipeline
	9 whether they're involved in the potential impact raise.
	10 Only the town advisors and the fire department are
	11 supposed to be informed by the builder of the pipeline.
	12 Now I can see now that the people who are talking about
	13 the BOCES School have not been informed about it. They
	14 have no idea about it. So let me help you and you. The
	15 potential impact of radius for Constitution pipeline is
	16 986 C on either side. But is that a correct figure?
	17 So I did some analysis. I used the formula to derive
	18 the potential impact radius and I applied them to the
	19 El Paso pipeline. And I came out with some curious
	20 answers. The potential impact radius of the El Paso
	21 pipeline would be 537 feet. There were 12 campers that
	22 were 675 feet away. They were all cubed, even though
	23 there was a river 100 feet away from them. There were
	24 vegetation by the river that was 2,025 feet away on the
	25 other side of the river that was impacted by infrared

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See the response to comments IND498-1 and IND166-2 regarding the potential impact radius. See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety.

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1 radiation which dried out green leaves, barks, and
2 caused the trees to cause on fire. So I call this
3 the minimum kill zone of the El Paso pipeline. Since
4 the Constitution pipeline would operate at 219 percent
5 higher than the El Paso pipeline, I come up with a
6 figure of a minimum kill zone of 4,435 feet radius.
7 Now this is not a political document. This is not a
8 PR document as the formula for the potential impact
9 radius was given to you by in 19, I think it was, 2000.
10 It was 2000. So from that we also have a crater that
11 was left by the El Paso pipeline. The crater that would
12 be left by an explosion by the Constitution pipeline
13 would be 110 feet wide by 248 feet long. Let me say that
14 again. It would be 112 feet wide, 248 feet long. The
15 what I want for FERC to do is to stop right now the EIS
16 guys and I want you to go back and recalculate as I have
17 the potential impact radius because it's incorrect. It's
18 based on PR. It was given to you by a PR firm that was
19 one of the contributors of it. They wrote it. It was in
20 their September/October brochure or writings. So the
21 let's see " I said mostly everything I want. Let's see.
22 How much more time do I have?

23 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please conclude your comments.

24 MR. CLARK RHOADES: Okay. Let me go to the
25 back and I'll " let's hear from Rex Tillison, Chairman

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1 of the CEO Mobil Exxon Corporation. Quote, "The
2 consequences of a misstep in a well placed well or
3 pipeline while large to the immediate people that live
4 around the well or pipeline in the great scheme of
5 things is pretty small. But if your relatives are
6 killed, your neighbors are killed, I don't think it's
7 pretty small. Thank you.

8 MR. MOONEYHAN: Blyne Stenson? Allegra
9 Schecter?

10 MS. ALLEGRA SCHECTER: Hello. My name is
11 Allegra Schecter, A-L-L-E-G-R-A S-C-H-E-C-T-E-R. I'm
12 speaking as an individual and an intervener. I have
13 several major concerns with the placement of the
14 contractor yards in the town of Maryland, Schenevus,
15 Village of Schenevus and Otsego County. This contractor
16 yard was situated three tenths of a mile from Schenevus
17 Central School which is a kindergarten, K-12 building
18 I believe the signing of this yard was done with no
19 acknowledgement, let alone careful consideration or
20 study of its close proximity to the school. A
21 construction yard is a source of constant truck traffic.
22 The noise from such a busy place is not conducive to a
23 school's quiet study and learning environment. The
24 daily transportation to the work sites of both heavy
25 equipment and trucks carrying 40 foot sections of

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PM1-83 cont'd	1 pipe would create the inevitable traffic congestion. 2 This could not only interfere with primary school bus 3 routes but the airborne dirt, stone and dust and diesel 4 fumes could affect the children's breathing as well. 5 Many children have asthma and they would be very 6 sensitive to diesel fumes. This could result in a 7 loss of school attendance for these children because of 8 illness from respiratory problems. FERC has stated
PM1-84	9 in its recently released DEIS, environment section 10 4.1.3.7 shallow bedrock to excavate the trench line 11 in the areas identified with shallow bedrock, 12 blasting may be necessary in order to install the 13 pipeline to the proper depth. If shallow bedrock 14 is encountered, other methods of bedrock removal 15 such as ripping, chipping, grinding would be 16 attempted first before blasting would be used. And 17 then it goes on to say the New York portion which 18 reversed 37.4 miles of shallow bedrock. A contractor 19 yard is the likely place to store dangerous materials 20 including chemicals, diesel fuel and the explosives that 21 13 are needed to blast through the shallow bedrock in this 22 part of the pipeline. Our area is all shallow 23 bedrock. I do not think these are things we would want
PM1-85	24 near our school or our bus route. In addition, the 25 Richmondville contractor yard is situation .4 " 4 tenths

PM1-84 See the response to comment IND492-2 regarding the safe storage of blasting materials.

PM1-85 See the response to comment IND492-1 regarding the Spread 5 contractor yard.

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PM1-85 cont'd	<p>1 of a mile from the building that you're in right now.</p> <p>2 The track team regularly runs along Route 7. The</p> <p>3 traffic congestion would again interfere with the</p> <p>4 school bus routes and the constant noise of a contractor</p> <p>5 yard which is a stable site " it's not something that's</p> <p>6 going away " will be here for many years. I do not</p> <p>7 think that we want chemicals, explosives and this kind</p>
PM1-86	<p>8 of thing near a school. Getting back to the</p> <p>9 Skanevea School yard, it's a two parcel adjoining site,</p> <p>10 and it covers over 12 acres. A water well was drilled</p> <p>11 on that property last year. Cabot Williams could very</p> <p>12 well decide to place a man camp there. This temporary</p> <p>13 housing is built for transient workers and unlike "</p> <p>14 I'm sorry to tell the people that are here in the</p> <p>15 orange shirts but they bring in mostly their own men</p> <p>16 to work on the pipeline, and they're not hiring local</p> <p>17 workers. These transient camps have been found to be</p> <p>18 a place that invites in drugs, alcohol, prostitution</p> <p>19 and other criminal activities. In Bradford County,</p> <p>20 Pennsylvania where they have had these man camps for</p> <p>21 years, drunken driving arrests were up 60 percent and</p> <p>22 criminal sentencing was up 35 percent in 2010 according</p> <p>23 to the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Zach Needles, August</p> <p>24 17 15, 2011. I do not think this is something we want</p> <p>25 going on near our school either.</p>

PM1-86 See the response to comment IND269-1 regarding the contractor yard. As stated in Constitution's Resource Report 1, the contractor yard(s) would be used for "equipment, pipe, and material storage, as well as temporary field offices and pipe preparation/field assembly areas." We have updated section 2.2.3 of the EIS with this information.

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PM1-87	1 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please conclude your comments,
	2 ma'am.
	3 MS. ALLEGRA SCHECTER: In a letter written
	4 by the senior project manager of the Cons " of a letter
	5 written to the senior project manager of the
	6 Constitution pipeline by Scott Finkbaum, the District
	7 Manager of Otsego County Soil and Water Conservation
	8 District, there is a federally designated wetland
	9 in the middle of this property and several within
	10 one quarter mile. In addition, the Schenevus Creek
	11 is located within one quarter mile of this contractor
	12 yard site. This is a DEC protected trout stream
	13 classification. A few days ago Governor Cuomo sent out
	14 a letter announcing that New York offers some of the
	15 best fishing in the country with trout and salmon
	16 fishing season starting April 1, just around the
	17 corner. We've made it easier than ever this year for
	18 New Yorkers to be ready to enjoy great outdoor fishing
	19 on opening day. Does New York want to lure in tourists
	20 or the gas industry?
	21 MR. BOWMAN: Ma'am, you time has expired.
	22 You can submit the remainder of your comments.
	23 MS. ALLEGRA SCHECTER: It seems we need to
	24 get our priorities in order. Thank you.
	25 MR. MOONEYHAN: Michael Brady? Harold

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	1 Wright? Michael Brady?	
	2 MR. MIKE BRADY: Give me one second.	
PM1-88	3 Hello. My name is Mike Brady. B-R-A-D-Y as in bunch.	
	4 I am the Pension Healthcare Administrator for Labors	
	5 Local 157. There is a lot of passion in this room.	
	6 Eminent domain, the school, the farmer. I assure you	
	7 that the skilled trade unions have sympathy for all.	
	8 I will apologize, as many of my fellow brothers and	
	9 sisters have already left this meeting. Most of them	
	10 have to rise early and drive between 75 and 100 miles	
	11 a day round trip to find work to feed their families.	
	12 25 percent of our members were born, raised and live	
	13 in Schoharie County. They are the backbone of our	
	14 Local. They don't deny that although a day in the	
	15 hole is a hard one, it's still easier than a day on	
	16 the farm. A pipeline would help many men and women	
	17 earn and maintain some of the best non-subsidized	
	18 healthcare and pension benefits in the State. A	
	19 pipeline will provide jobs for members of your	
	20 community. The positive social and economic impact	
	21 will be felt for generations to come. Thank you for	
	22 your time.	
	23 MR. BOWMAN: Harold Wright?	
	24 MR. HAROLD WRIGHT: My name is Harold	
	25 Wright. H-A-R-O-L-D W-R-I-G-H-T. I'm here representing	

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The commentor’s statements in support of the proposed projects are noted.

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PM1-89 1 myself, my family, my friends, my neighbors. My house is
2 within 200 feet of this pipeline. I have a problem with
3 this pipeline. I have a problem with your EIS. I am a
4 union member Local IFPTE 147. I understand the union's
5 position. But my problems are exactly this; my family,
6 my friends and my neighbors have been threatened by the
7 land agents, specifically John Britts said to my face on
8 the phone, "Unless you sign, we will go through eminent
9 domain and you will lose your land. It was a direct
10 threat to me. I don't like that. And you did not address
11 my letter to that. I am an engineer. I'm a designer. I
12 understand what's going on. I understand we need energy.

PM1-90 13 My first problem and foremost problem is the current
14 pipeline route goes through the aquifer of my valley
15 which I get my water from and will be through my
16 calculations of my well being 79 feet will be 35 feet
17 from the pipeline left in the aquifer. That's 79 feet
18 minus 20 feet to the low level, the boatman from my
19 house. Mine is four feet from the bed of the road.
20 Minus 10 feet to where DC calls the pipeline should be
21 below the watershed or the wetlands that's huge in my
22 valley that I'll get to in a minute. And in 10 feet from
23 the bottom of my well. So that leaves 35 feet. The
24 difference between the pipeline and where I get my drinking
25 water from. I have a problem with that. So do my

PM1-89 The commentor's statements regarding Constitution's land agents are noted. See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain.

PM1-90 See the response to comment LA8-3 regarding drinking water. See the response to comment LA4-2 regarding water well testing. The commentor's statement to deny the proposed projects is noted.

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PM1-91 1 neighbors; Ken Sanders and his family, the Bigsby's. We
2 have a problem with this. Second, the pipeline goes
3 through massive watershed, massive ecosystem, massive
4 wetland. You're talking two to maybe three thousand
5 geese a year go into the 20 acre ponds that are in my
6 valley. The pipeline is inside. The kill zone will wipe
7 out my valley rim to rim. You will destroy a giant
8 wetland that your satellites and your airplanes fly
9 over and have no idea. I'm 34 years old. I was born
10 and raised in Schoharie. I'm a Middleburg Knight. I
11 bought my family's home because I love Schoharie County.
12 You people don't know this land. I've walked this
PM1-92 13 valley. I know it like the back of my hand. I know
14 animals are there, and you're going to destroy them.
15 Anyway, currently will be within 200 feet of my well and
16 my neighbor's well. So either way you cut it going
PM1-93 17 through my dad's land is between us. You're going to be
18 within 200 feet of my well. That's a water problem, if I
19 am correct. Also, the current pipeline will run over the
20 ridge above the Cobleskill reservoir and potentially
21 polluting the town of Cobleskill source of water to cut
22 the ridge and come into my valley. So again, that's a water
23 problem.
24 Final comment, bringing the pipeline out of the mountains
25 and hills and people's backyards and waters, put it back22

PM1-91 Wetland impacts from the proposed route are discussed in section 4.4 of the EIS. See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety.

PM1-92 See the response to comment CO16-22 regarding wildlife.

PM1-93 See the response to comment LA8-3 regarding drinking water. See the response to comment LA4-2 regarding water well testing.

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PM1-94	<p>1 where it belongs, where they requested it, back on the</p> <p>2 88 corridor. Give us jobs utilizing old Gilford Mills</p> <p>3 Industrial Park. Build what you need there. Let the</p> <p>4 pipeline do what they need with an industrial park</p> <p>5 meant for industrial stuff like pipelines. It's six</p> <p>6 miles from there to where it connects in the right</p> <p>7 station. You don't have to worry about going through</p> <p>8 the kid's backyard where they're going to learn</p> <p>9 education. Help the community with the jobs, reutilize</p> <p>10 the industrial park with the pipeline through the 88</p> <p>11 corridor. That's what I'm asking. Please do your due</p> <p>12 diligence as we need you to. Protect our water as it</p> <p>13 is one of three things you need for life or to grow</p> <p>14 food. One of the three things. So two of the three</p> <p>15 things you need to live. Thank you for your time.</p> <p>16 MR. BOWNMAN: Marc Wighemdrad?</p> <p>17 MR. MARC WIGHENDRAD: Hello. Thank you</p> <p>18 for having these hearings. In 2008 I came to Schoharie</p> <p>19 and purchased some land, beautiful watershed. I did some</p> <p>20 investigations on building and there's quite a lot of</p> <p>21 logistics in terms of having a certificate of occupancy</p> <p>22 and a house. You need to have a septic system, and there</p> <p>PM1-95</p> <p>23 are a lot of rules. So the fact that they are actually</p> <p>24 putting a pipeline which has high chemicals to both build</p> <p>25 it and transport it through high pressure is laughable.</p>

PM1-94 The commentor's statements regarding Gilford Mills Industrial Park are noted. See the responses comments SA4-1 through SA4-4 and section 3.4.1.2 of the EIS regarding alternative M.

PM1-95 See the response to comment IND285-2. The proposed pipeline would transport natural gas only.

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PM1-96	<p>1 And so I'm here not only to speak for the damage to my 2 land and to the areas surrounding it but my neighbors 3 in New York City where I'm from. We have about 20 4 million people who depend on the watershed to drink, 5 and when we start to put high pressure gas which has 6 chemicals, this land shifts. I notice when I open up 7 the shed door that the door wouldn't open because the 8 land shifted and the foundation wasn't enough footing. 9 It was a small shed, so no big deal. But the pipe 10 will move. On the way over here I spoke to a guy 11 who's in the construction field and he said yes 12 this pipe will shift. And there will be computerized 13 ways to make sure that if there are any leaks, that it</p>
PM1-97	<p>14 will be shut down and isolated and fixed. But in the 15 meantime that takes oxygen out of the soil and has 16 contaminated the ground water, which will eventually 17 run off. In addition, runoff downstream to where we all 18 drink our water down in New York City and many other 19 watersheds surrounding Pennsylvania and in the Delaware 20 and in New Jersey and all " I mean this is pristine 21 land, beautiful land. And I've heard from a lot of 22 people who say okay well it's going to effect the farm. 23 it's going to effect my school. It's going to effect 24 these children. But it's going to effect the 25 Metropolitan New York area. This is a lot about politics</p>

PM1-96 See the response to comment LA8-3 regarding drinking water.
See the response to comment LA4-2 regarding water well testing.
Section 4.12 of the EIS provides a discussion regarding pipeline leaks.

PM1-97 In the case of a natural gas leak within a waterbody, the gas itself
would not impact water quality as it is not miscible and would
bubble up through the water and into the atmosphere. While a
natural gas leak could reduce oxygen in soils, it would require a
leak to last for several weeks (Davis 1977). As described in
section 4.12 of the EIS, the proposed pipeline would be
monitored for signs of leaks.

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PM1-98 1 I believe. The gas is, as a lot of people say, is not
2 of infinite supply and be able to " and the desire for
3 energy independence is even more interesting now because
4 of what has happened with Russia taking over the Ukraine
5 and we're not wanting their natural gas. So politics
6 say put down pipeline so we can have energy
7 independence. Well, obviously we're hearing a lot about
8 how this natural gas is going to be shipped overseas
9 and not only that, we're also hearing that it's an
PM1-99 10 unlimited supply. The fact that going back to the
11 leaks, I'm just speaking off the cuff. I don't have
12 exactly something that I wrote down but we're talking
PM1-100 13 about the DEIS and it's talking about how it's going
14 to minimize the environmental impact. Well there means
15 there is going to be a major impact that they're just
16 trying to minimize. And over time there's going to
PM1-101 17 be corrosion to these pipes once it's buried. And
18 as I say, the shifting and any kind of small leaks,
19 it becomes cumulative. Not only that but they're
PM1-102 20 talking about low flying airplanes to spray herbicides
21 to kill the vegetation surrounding the pipeline to
22 stop roots and stuff from destroying the pipeline.
23 Well that's going to have a problem with air quality.
24 I mean personally I have a desire to have an organic
25 farm and permiculture farm which is basically " and

PM1-98 See the response to comment LA9-4 regarding natural gas reserves. See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export.

PM1-99 Section 4.12 of the EIS provides a discussion regarding pipeline leaks.

PM1-100 See the response to comment CO1-1.

PM1-101 See the response to comment IND496-7 regarding corrosion.

PM1-102 See the response to comments LA5-2 and IND11-1 regarding herbicide. See the response to comment IND193-4 regarding herbicide application to parcels.

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PM1-103	<p>1 I really feel for all the workers here who " jobs</p> <p>2 are short lived, and there are many other ways for</p> <p>3 energy. Geothermal, which is also digging underground</p> <p>4 to put circulating for more energy. The other thing I</p> <p>5 will have to say is that the amount of electricity</p> <p>6 that we need and is extreme of course, but there are</p> <p>7 other ways. If we had high voltage and no ampage,</p> <p>8 as Tessa had once discussed, we could actually have</p> <p>9 huge energy from just the air, just from tacking on</p> <p>10 energy and things of that nature that should be</p> <p>11 researched. All the sciences say that there is no</p> <p>12 -- that we have to get our fossil fuels because what</p> <p>13 is happening is-</p> <p>14 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please conclude your comments,</p> <p>15 sir. That this one pound methane is equal to 80 pounds</p> <p>16 of Co2 which goes to our air, which attributes to global</p> <p>17 warming. I'm sorry. My name is Mark</p> <p>18 M-A-R-C W-I-S-H-E-N-G-R-A-D. I didn't say that at the</p> <p>19 beginning. I'm saying it now, and I don't think this</p> <p>PM1-104 20 makes sense. The pipeline putting natural gas is nothing</p> <p>21 natural about it. It's pollutants and there's chemicals</p> <p>22 within that benzene and methane and it will have an ill</p> <p>23 effect on the ground water. And when you lose your water</p> <p>24 supply, we can't drink. It takes care of air and the</p> <p>25 water.</p>

PM1-103	Section 3.1.2.3 of the EIS provides a discussion of renewable energy.
PM1-104	See the response to comment LA8-3 regarding drinking water. See the response to comment LA4-2 regarding water well testing.

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	1 MR. MOONEYHAN: Your time has expired.
	2 MR. MARC WISHENGRAD: Thank you
	3 MR. MOONEYHAN: Glenn Sanders?
	4 MR. GLENN SANDERS: Hello. My name is
PMI-105	5 Glenn Sanders, G-L-E-N-N S-A-N-D-E-R-S. I have a comment
	6 about the extent to which the DEIS does not meet its
	7 legal obligations and should be withdrawn because of
	8 massive numbers of sections that simply don't follow
	9 the court rulings as to what it should contain. And
	10 the courts have a long history of interpreting NEPA
	11 1969 as requiring that the EIS process must involve
	12 a hard work that impacts alternatives, must follow the
	13 rules of recent decision making, must provide sufficient
	14 detail for the public to understand how and why a decision
	15 and conclusions and must avoid mere decisions and
	16 undocumented conclusory statements. This DNS fails all
	17 these requirements in many sections. I counted two dozen
PMI-106	18 and then stopped. I illustrate the depth of the failings
	19 of these requirements in reference to the section on the
	20 photovoltaic or solar alternative, Section 3, page 11.
	21 Solar power
	22 generation was eliminated from further consideration
	23 because it was claimed to have a higher cost, grader
	24 environmental impacts, potential reliability issues and
	25 adequate insulation and lower efficiencies. These are

PMI-105 The commentor's statements regarding the draft EIS are noted.

PMI-106 See the response to comment IND727-2 regarding solar power.

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1 all mere assertions in that they were not documented
2 and the only one that had one citation was the claim of
3 higher cost. The citation was a thoroughly obsolete
4 2009 report since costs had come down by well over 50
5 percent. And the fact that the DEIS chose to use that
6 report to document the claim of higher cost reinforces
7 the impression of a profound lack of accurately informed
8 detailed investigation. All of the claims used to dismiss
9 further consideration were debunked by decisions in
10 Minnesota and Austin, Texas this year. These communities
11 and municipalities and governments actually took the
12 hard works at the cost and benefits in meeting new demand
13 with solar versus gas and concluded that solar offered
14 rate payers a better deal. Instead of taking this hard
15 look, the DEIS arbitrarily and capriciously sets up a
16 strong man of a single remotes cited giant industrial
17 solar generation claim. In contrast, the administrative
18 watch judge in Minnesota reviewed a proposal for a large
19 number of widely distributed small scale solar panel rays
20 cited next to existing electric substations. And they
21 concluded that this design avoided every one of the
22 negatives that was listed by the DEIS and attributed to
23 to this strong man of the giant single solar generation
24 plant. A serious detailed reason decision on solar must
25 be based on actual proposals from experts in the field

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PM1-106 cont'd	<p>1 and there is no reason to restrict the process to</p> <p>2 consideration of PV solutions alone without adding in, at</p> <p>3 the least, contributions from solar thermal technologies.</p> <p>4 It should also be expanded to consider the full range of</p> <p>5 environmental and human health events including avoided</p> <p>6 costs. And again, the Minnesota and Austin, Texas models</p> <p>7 of consideration of these issues should be the model for</p> <p>8 the DEIS. This is but one of dozens of instances of</p> <p>9 grossly inadequate process in the DEIS. Second example is</p> <p>10 included in the attached pages that I'll turn in outside</p> <p>11 in the hallway which unlike the DEIS provide ample</p> <p>12 documentation and detail so that the public can understand</p> <p>13 the reasoning which leads to the conclusory statements in</p>
PM1-107	<p>14 the document. Right now they are invite distrust and</p> <p>15 disrespect and the document is shameful, inept for that</p> <p>16 reasons and should be withdrawn and reworked to fully</p> <p>17 comply with court requirements of reason decision making,</p> <p>18 full, substantial and adequate detail to understand the</p> <p>19 decision. Thank you very much.</p> <p>20 MR. BOWMAN: Deborah Krol?</p> <p>21 MS. DEBORAH KROL: Thank you. D-E-B-O-R-A-H</p>
PM1-108	<p>22 K-R-O-L. I am a landowner and full time resident of</p> <p>23 Schoharie County. This is tyranny, not democracy. If</p> <p>24 the FERC approves this pipeline, you are enabling large</p> <p>25 corporations to seize and take our property, not for</p>

PM1-107 The commentor's statements regarding the draft EIS are noted.

PM1-108 The commentor's statements regarding the proposed projects are noted. See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain.

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1 the benefit of Americans but for the benefit of this
2 corporations' bottom-line. The fossil fuel industry has
3 turned into a monstrous tyrant. You may not have

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4 noticed that over 210 municipalities in this state has
5 adopted legislation which opposes fracking. New Yorkers
6 are standings up to defend and protect our families and
7 the beautiful, clean environment. I thank Governor's
8 Patterson and Cuomo for stalling because reports of
9 disasters surrounding this industry far outweigh the
10 jobs that it promises. The latest being the birth defects
11 in the children of mothers living near a frack well site.
12 We know about the blowouts because we witnessed the
13 destruction of the ecosystem in the Gulf of Mexico. And
14 the nine square mile aquifer in DEMA, Pennsylvania that
15 was forever contaminated because of spills, accidents and
16 three faulty wells during shale gas development. Cabot
17 paid those families off to silence them and make them go
18 away so they can keep up the lie. This industry is
19 willfully ignoring the evidence and warnings from experts
20 like the engineer and fracturing mechanic scholar, Anthony
21 Ingrafia who says 5 percent of well casings fail upon
22 initial well drilling or that 50 percent of concrete
23 casings will fail within 30 years. It won't be long
24 before contaminants from flack fluid like benzene and
25 toluene will be showing up in all the drinking water

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See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

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1 wherever this industry exists and where the aquifers
2 extend. Incidentally, Exxon Mobil is buying up water
3 rights all over this planet. Imagine a future where
4 this tyrant controls the world's drinking water.
5 Ecologist and biochemist, Bob Haworth warns of the
6 fugitive emissions of methane released into the
7 atmosphere during production, storage, processing,
8 along pipelines, venting and acupressure stations.
9 Methane is a serious global warming contributor. Yes,
10 it's been a cold winter, but it hasn't stopped the
11 glaciers in Greenland from melting at alarming speed.
12 The cases of asthma, lung cancer, headaches, brain tumors,
13 nose bleeds, skin rashes, nerve disorders, the rate on
14 exposure alone from the Marsalis shale gas will likely
15 kill 80 people per year in New York City. Those that used
16 the hunt for game in Pennsylvania say the deer from that
17 state have cancerous tumors when you cut into them because
18 they are attracted to and drink the frack waste in open
19 holding ponds. New Yorkers will not be sacrificed for the
20 benefit of this industry. We don't want your injection
21 disposal wells causing earthquakes, your radioactive
22 solid waste, your chemical laden hazardous liquid brine
23 and this damn pipeline which is at the heart of this
24 madness. This greed for profit above and beyond all
25 human decency. These people shoals be behind bars, not

- PM1-110 Section 4.11.1 of the EIS has been revised to include an expanded discussion of fugitive emissions. See the response to comment SA6-1 regarding climate change.
- PM1-111 See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing. The commentor's opposition to the proposed projects is noted.

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1 allowed to plunder and destroy our resources, deplete and
2 contaminate our fresh water in the name of business. Cabot
3 Williams, Piedmont, Exxon Mobil, Shell, Chevron, government
4 officials on the tape and everyone dooped by the promises
5 of this industry. Open your eyes. We don't want you
6 business. Go away.

7 MR. BOWMAN: Greg Capobianco?

8 MR. GREG CAPOBIANCO: Yeah. G-R-E-G

9 C-A-P-O-B-I-A-N-C-O. I think I'm going to just start
10 by thanking you for acknowledging that you folks up
11 there at the table are responsible for the production
12 or the completion of the DEIS and making the distinction
13 between the commission that makes the decisions. And I
14 just have to say that you have really failed miserably.
15 If you were working for a private company and you had an
16 edict and a job to do to follow the NEPA rules, to follow
17 the regulations that were so eloquently articulated
18 earlier, you would be fired. This is an outrage. 36
19 miles of forest, 270 plus bodies of water, 35 miles of
20 steep and side slope terrain, 45 miles of shallow bedrock,
21 10.7 miles of wetlands, countless people's properties and
22 livelihoods ruins. Is this a good idea? I mean what is
23 the premise? It's absurd. And all based on garbage
24 because at the end of your conclusionary statements about
25 co-location is such a crock. We have been telling you,

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1 this community has worked hard to give you a lot of very
2 high quality input on this. It has been ignored. It has
3 been kicked around. I read DEIS's for a living, okay? I
4 have never read such a piece of garbage. Really. Let
5 me tell you something. I've read better EIS's for
6 subdivisions and small apartment buildings. This is a
7 freaking pipeline. Nine plus miles. What are you doing?
8 Where do you get off on this? I know you got posy jobs.
9 I know this is the check off on Cobleskill when you're out
10 of here. This is so wrong. It is an absolute outrage.
11 I'm going to go through a couple of points in your EIS
12 to just highlight the absurdity with which you've
13 dismissed things in these absolutely " like this gentleman
14 said, these conclusory statements with nothing, no fact,
15 no basis, just because we don't feel like it, because we
16 don't want to. That's what it reads. It's nuts. So

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17 the first one, "Conclusions in the EIS are based on our
18 analysis of the environmental impact and following
19 assumptions and the assumptions are bulletized and
20 they basically go on to say the applicants will comply
21 with all applicable laws and regulations. The applicants
22 would implement the mitigation measures included in their
23 applications and supplement submittals to the FERC, blah,
24 blah, blah. This is Cabot Williams, okay? We heard
25 some really interesting discussion about Google math. I'll

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The commentor's statements regarding the draft EIS are noted.

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See response to comment CO47-1.

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1 give you something to Google. Google Cabot Williams plus
2 a word environment or the words environmental violations.
3 You'll get pages. These people do not perform. They lie.
4 They cheat. They pay the fines. They don't care. And
5 you're just sitting here saying, "Yeah well it's all good
6 as long as they're going to do what they say I guess we're
7 okay with that. I mean come on. I mean this is " you
8 know, who do you think we are? I said this at the last
9 set of hearings. We're not a bunch of stupid people in
10 caves. We live in the country. We're smart. We care
11 about our land and water. We're human beings. What are
12 you doing to us? This does not make sense, okay. This
13 is wrong. And I know because I read people and I get
14 people. You guys know this. Don't kid yourselves. You
15 know what's going on. You know the little game that's
16 being played here. Let me give you another example. In

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17 you conclusions, I mean I'm not even going to the
18 insurance stuff where you just say, "Yeah well we
19 talked to a bunch of insurance brokers and it's
20 inconclusive. So we're going to monitor that. I'm
21 going to monitor that insurance thing. And then the
22 mortgage issues is, "Well, we talked to some brokers and
23 you know we just " it was just unclear to us whether or
24 not you know loans could be made or not. But we should
25 all be good with that. That's some really top quality

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PM1-115	1 analysis, guys. Let me just go to my last piece which
	2 to me, you know, you have one paragraph on your evaluation
	3 of co-location. People have been bringing this to your
	4 attention and I will do it one more time. There are
	5 existing pipeline rights of way that can get the damn
	6 gas to the markets in New York and Boston. You don't
	7 need to plow over our properties and our lives to do it.
	8 This " and why? Because Constitution doesn't want to
	9 what? Suck it up and pay some extra money to their
	10 competitors because it's too much, I don't know, their
	11 kismo gets knocked down because they got to suck it up
	12 and pay off their competitors to use the co-locate? This
	13 is so wrong, guys. You have really not done your job.
	14 You have really failed this community. You have failed
	15 literally hundreds and hundreds of homeowners. I mean this
	16 is a drop in the bucket. Some of the beef farmers, the
	17 folks that are talking to you about what's going on on
	18 their property? You think they're the only ones? There's
	19 hundreds and hundreds. It's outrageous. I'm done. Thank
	20 you so much.
	21 MR. MOONEYHAN: Julia Phillips?
	22 MS. JULIA PHILLIPS: Alright. My first name
	23 is Julia, J-U-L-I-A, Phillips, P-H-I-L-L-I-P-S. I did
	24 write a little comment over the last few weeks. But I think
	25 I might just set that aside and one point while sitting,

PM1-115 The commentor’s statements regarding collocation are noted.
See the response to comment CO28-1.

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1 hearing everyone else talk I'm kind of left with another
2 new question is why is the relationship or why is the
3 history of the pipeline not taken into serious
4 consideration? Like any other relationship with like when
5 we vote for a politician or buy a new car, whatever, we
6 makes these decisions based on the history that person or
7 that product has offered us. And the history that these
8 pipelines have offered the residents that they've already
9 affected has been so weak and so broken and sad that I
10 don't know why we can't consider that as a serious
11 aspect in making the decision about letting this
12 pipeline come through. They're a super power and like
13 everyone said they don't care about our rights and
14 they've showed us that over and over again and why can't
15 we look at that as important documentation and facts
16 along with all the other things everyone else said?
17 My point initially was going to be as a homeowner.
18 I recently moved back to the area looking to start a
19 family. You're going to wedge me in between two huge
20 super powers, between a mortgage company, potentially
21 wanting to sell or the change in my homeowner's insurance
22 or any of those things and then between a pipeline and
23 all of their wonderful legal loopholes and with no way
24 out. And again, they've shown us that they will not
25 protect us. So please reconsider your impact statement

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See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property value, insurance, and mortgages.

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PM1-116 cont'd	<p>1 and say no to pipeline.</p> <p>2 MR. MOONEYHAN: Reuben Phillips?</p> <p>3 MR. REUBEN PHILLIPS: Good evening. Thanks</p> <p>4 for letting us speak tonight. I grew up in Schoharie</p> <p>5 County and let Schoharie County after I graduated high</p> <p>6 school and I decided to move back six years later because</p> <p>7 of the beautiful landscape and access to endless natural</p> <p>8 resources such as streams, lakes, ponds and hiking trails.</p>
PM1-117	<p>9 I now own a house in Richmondville. The risks associated</p> <p>10 with the pipeline are reason enough for me to wish I could</p> <p>11 have seen into the future when I bought this house.</p> <p>12 Unfortunately along with the pipeline come other unwanted</p>
PM1-118	<p>13 risks. It is reasonable to envision the risks of water</p> <p>14 contamination, storm runoff and the loss of beautiful</p> <p>15 forest. To take away some of the attraction of this</p> <p>16 area will affect potential future families from wanting</p> <p>17 to settle here. These risks far outweigh any benefit</p> <p>18 that will come to my children, my land or my future.</p> <p>19 I'd also like to add that I'm also a union member, and I</p> <p>20 oppose the pipeline. Thank you.</p> <p>21 MR. MOONEYHAN: Barbara Loeffler?</p> <p>22 MS. BARBARA LOEFFLER: Hi. We meet again.</p>
PM1-119	<p>23 I just would like to say, make one comment, first of all</p> <p>24 that whole document that they sent out and you sent out</p> <p>25 is so uneasy for most people to find any information on</p>

PM1-117	See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety.
PM1-118	See the response to comment LA8-3 regarding drinking water. See the response to comment LA4-2 regarding water well testing. See the response to comments CO1-5 and IND169 regarding erosion and stormwater runoff. The commentor's opposition to the proposed projects is noted.
PM1-119	See the response to comment IND12-1 regarding maps.

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1 maps. All the maps " you need to take pages and things
2 from other documents and do your own overlay to find out
3 where the route is going in relationship to a road.
4 Where is there going to be a stream crossing in
5 relationship to where your house is? There should be a
6 simple way that you could plug into your address and see
7 everything on their maps. But you don't see that. It's
8 all up to you. I found the part that's' going through my
9 valley just by guessing where it might be and I found the
10 document I was looking for. The other thing I have to
11 say is I'm a member of Trout Unlimited. I'm a member of
12 the Audubon Society. I care very much for the

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13 environment. I'm very concerned about all this equipment
14 coming with their tires from someplace else and their
15 boots, their work boots. Do they wash their work boots
16 off after they came from someplace else? We have a huge
17 problem with invasive species in the state of New York.
18 And my final comment is I consider the worst invasive
19 species to be the gas industry. They are going to
20 destroy us and we will not allow it.

21 MR. MOONEYAN: Ray Gillis?

22 MR. RAY GILLIS: Raymond Gillis,

23 G-I-L-L-I-S. I'm an insurance broker here in Schoharie
24 County, and I just wanted to address the situation of the
25 insurance on the impact of the EIS on insurance, on your

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As stated in section 4.5.4 of the EIS, Constitution would control invasive plant species during project construction and operation through limited use of herbicides, installation of wash stations to clean vehicles that have traversed infested areas, and rapid restoration and reseedling following installation of the pipeline, which would promote the establishment of desirable plant species and deter the spread of unwanted plant species. See the response to comment FA6-10 regarding long-term monitoring of the proposed pipeline right-of-way for invasive species. The commentator's opposition to the proposed projects is noted.

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PM1-121	1 homeowners and it's not an issue. There is no impact. We 2 can write homeowners insurance with a pipeline easement 3 without any difficulties. Thank you. 4 MR. MOONEYHAN: Robert Strother? 5 MR. ROBERT STROTHER: Good evening. 6 R-O-B-E-R-T S-T-R-O-T-H-E-R. You guys hire yet? No 7 smiles. Just like an open mike, the later you are on the 8 list the emptier the room is. I moved here 26 years ago. 9 I bought a shack up on the hill, beautiful place, been 10 working on it since then. It's almost done. The current PM1-122 11 pipeline survey line where the pipeline is going to be 12 located is 75 feet from my house. It's not on my property. 13 It's on my neighbor's property who asked them to push 14 it all the way up to the property line. They'll be clear 15 cutting to my property line. I sleep 75 feet from a 30 16 inch industrial gas pipeline. I'm going to leave my 17 house which I won't be able to sell for the money I put 18 into it, my life's work gone away. The pipeline also PM1-123 19 crosses a protected trout stream and continues 70 feet 20 from my well, across wetlands, through pristine state 21 lands, all in violation of the recommendations of the 22 Army Corp of Engineers. So the pipeline needs to go PM1-124 23 somewhere else, not in my backyard. I'm an Indi, thank 24 you. It needs to go down by the known rights of way, 25 if it's going to be here. And these companies need to

PM1-121	The commentor's statement regarding pipeline easements not impacting homeowners insurance is noted.
PM1-122	See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety. See the response to LA5-3 regarding property values.
PM1-123	See the response to comment IND118-13 regarding trout streams. See the response to comment FA4-4 regarding the COE approval for wetland impacts.
PM1-124	The commentor's statements regarding collocation are noted. See the response to comment CO28-1.

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1 care about people a little bit. They don't care about
2 people. They wouldn't put this thing 75 feet from my
3 house if they cared about people. They wouldn't put it
4 through a schoolyard if they cared about people. They
5 wouldn't put it through a nice farm if they cared about
6 people. They care about their money, running in on a
7 straight line and doing it as economically as possible.
8 Please don't let them do that. It's not right. They
9 can pay to reroute it. They can do loopy loops through
10 the county to keep everyone safe. They can afford to do
11 that. They should do that. You know all the union
12 brothers are gone, right? You got a few here? Earlier
13 Darin Hagadarn spoke, one of the union brothers, good
14 friend of mine. And I thought what a great community
15 we have here because Darin didn't tell you this but
16 approximately four or five weeks ago his house burnt to
17 the ground. There have been numerous benefits put
18 together by the people of this county for the Hagadarn
19 family. I was out there on Saturday night. Hundreds
20 of people, five or six bands all playing for free, raised
21 them thousands of dollars. I was in awe. I said this
22 place is just great. I've been here forever. The people
23 here are great. I have friends here in the audience.
24 This company is going to screw those guys too. And I'm
25 starting to feel like Darin must have felt as his sat in

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	1 his driveway and watched his house burn to the ground. I
	2 helped him work on that house. He hasn't worked on his
	3 house quite as long as I have but huge loss for these
	4 people. What I wanted to say to the union brothers was
	5 I don't want to take work away from them but I would
PM1-125	6 never take a job if I knew it was basically going to
	7 destroy a fellow citizen's house which is what is going
	8 to happen to me because I am not going to live 75 feet
	9 from a pipeline that has an 800 foot blast on it. Right?
PM1-126	10 Oh, another thing, I'm sure you guys are aware of this.
	11 I'm not sure if everyone else is aware of this. They
	12 don't odorize this gas. So not only am I going to be
	13 worrying about blowing up, but if there is a gas leak,
	14 I won't notice. They do have some kind of sensors and
	15 I'm not clear since my property is not actually,
	16 theoretically impacted. Are these guys providing me
	17 a meter to sense a gas leak? Do I have to do that on
	18 my own?
	19 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please conclude your
	20 comments, sir.
	21 MR. ROBERT STROTHER: I'm concluding
	22 my comments with no answers. Thank you. You guys have
	23 a good night.
	24 MR. MOONEYHAN: Louise Matter-Johnson?
	25 MS. LOUISE MATTER-JOHNSON: Louise, Matter,

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See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety.
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Pipeline leaks are discussed in section 4.12 of the EIS.
Constitution would monitor the proposed pipeline for leaks.

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PM1-127 1 M-A-T-T-E-R Johnson, Sky Hill Farm. The New York State BECE
2 has requested that FERC add a research course to it DEIS.
3 The right compressor station with its current pipeline,
4 the two additional proposed pipelines along this outbound
5 add more compressors, etc, is surrounded by KARST. I would
6 like to share the science of two hydro gals who are experts
7 on KARST and ground and who has researched and written about
8 KARST in Schoharie County. They are Reuben Lindquist
9 and Pongo founder and emeritus of water resources as SUNY
10 Oneonta.
11 They agree that KARST aquifers are the most vulnerable
12 aquifers anywhere in the world. Thus, the right compressor
13 station is vulnerable since it sits amidst KARST or soluble
14 limestone with its network of caves and sinkholes or
15 holes covered with soil and sinking streams. So these
16 holes which channels into the shallow ground water permits
17 service pollutants from construction, explosions and playing
18 to rapidly enter aquifers without being remediated by soil,
19 microorganisms, clay, sand, stone. Contaminants then
20 disperse rapidly and unpredictably in the fast moving flow.
21 In KARST ground water, velocities can be hundreds or
22 thousands of times faster than the norm. Also the build up
23 of methane in KARST caves can be explosive. So the right
24 compressor station is close to and uphill of the main
25 Fox Creek aquifer but larger. That supplies the drinking

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See the response to comment CO38-1. Section 4.1.3.1 of the EIS discusses earthquakes in the area of the proposed projects. Section 4.1.3.2 of the EIS discusses faults in the area of the proposed projects.

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1 water to the towns of Schoharie and Central Bridge. The
2 area near the right compressor station and other parts of
3 Schoharie County were greatly affected by the officially
4 designated 500 year flood from Irene which was worse
5 than by the planned release of Gilboa Dam. So this
6 is triple vulnerability for us, for this compressor
7 station. That is KARST aquifers 500 year flood plains
8 and the Gilboa Dam releases. A fourth vulnerability
9 is our vast network of D vertical fractures as evidenced
10 by the many abandoned water wells in right. Abandoned
11 due to methane contamination which the DEC admits is
12 a problem its own. Methane, as well as iron, sulfurs,
13 all effect and travel through the surface through a single
14 D vertical fracture like a tree trunk which then branches
15 off when close to the earth's surface. Retired well
16 digger, Oxbury, has shown me his chart of many, many
17 abandoned water wells in right. These are again holes
18 that go straight down into aquifers carry contaminants.
19 A fifth vulnerability, according to earthquake fault mass
20 by geologists, Decottie and the New York City DEP, five
21 major earthquake fault lines intersect in the area around
22 Cobleskill, Schoharie and Wright. Two of these major fault
23 lines run from Wright through Oneonta to Binghamton and into
24 Northeastern Pennsylvania. Its seeming to follow a route
25 of close to 88 which appears to mirror the path of the

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1 Constitution pipeline. We are vulnerable with two other
2 earthquake fault lines that intersect or crisscross with
3 the 88 fault lines, and they move south from near Wright,
4 the town of Wright, the Wright compressor station down
5 into the New York City watershed. These are major
6 earthquake faults. Jacobi writes a slip for a quake
7 along the fault line segment could cause a concurrent
8 quake elsewhere on the same or intersecting fault line.
9 If so, it's conceivable that a quake near the Wright
10 compressor station could set off another one inside
11 the New York City watershed.

12 MR. MOONEYHA: Please conclude your comments.

13 MS. LOUISE MATTER-JOHNSON: A sixth

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14 vulnerability is the burning of fossil fuel which has
15 recently elevated Co2 level in our atmosphere to 400
16 parts per million which is one of the many indicators
17 of runaway climate disruption. No conventional reserves
18 of oil, gas and coal will last but maybe 15 years and soon
19 to climate catastrophe. We don't need to add fracked
20 gas or oil to this big prognosis. We need FERC to
21 oversee and regulate renewable energy and stop all
22 fracking pipeline construction immediately. Tell Exxon
23 and Halliburton to frack off.

24 MR. MOONEYHAN: Larry Mazza?

25 MR. LARRY MAZZA: Hi. I'm Larry Mazza.

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See the response to comment SA6-1 regarding climate change.
Section 3.1.2.3 of the EIS provides a discussion of renewable
energy.

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1 That's L-A-R-R-Y M-A-Z-Z-A. I'm a local merchant and a
2 resident of the Town of Cobleskill. I'm not directly
3 effected by this pipeline that I know of but was invited
4 to come here tonight not knowing all that much about it.
5 So I gave it some thought. I don't know much about
6 environmental science. I don't even really know what a
7 DEIS is to be honest with you. But I do know a little
8 bit about human nature and politics and on that basis
9 I will make my comments. I guess I basically don't
PM1-129 10 trust the process. When you have like a huge corporation
11 with lots of money, then going through our politicians
12 who they've been known to influence at times, and then it
13 goes to " and then people get appointed by those
14 politicians to be a seemingly unbiased review board. I
15 don't have any faith in that process. There are too
16 many opportunities for money and influence to get
17 interjected in that. Or I guess I could say a smile if
18 you ever seen politics get interjected into a bias
PM1-130 19 committee. So the fees that people are getting for their
20 land seem to be really unjust. For example, if somebody
21 gets \$3000 now and their property is worth \$150,000,
22 whatever the fee is, when they go to sell it or pass it
23 on to their kids 20 years from now, their property
24 could have increased in value and does that onetime fee
25 really reflect what they've been deprived of in terms

PM1-129 The commentor' statements regarding the FERC's process are noted.

PM1-130 See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding easement negotiations and compensation.

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PM1-130 | 1 of property value. I know I remember looking at a
cont'd | 2 piece of property when I was looking to buy a house out
PM1-131 | 3 here, and it had a high tension wires and a gas line
| 4 crisscrossing it and I imagined all the " not only the
| 5 danger but just people with dirt bikes and snowmobiles
| 6 in my backyard constantly. It certainly deterred me
| 7 from even wanting to buy a piece of property. So I
| 8 don't think they're being compensated. These companies
| 9 are very wealthy and they can certainly afford to buy
10 | 10 people off more effectively. And the other thing that
11 | 11 strikes me is that tonight we have different factions,
12 | 12 different groups here. We have students, farmers. We
13 | 13 have union workers that want jobs and so on. Seems to
14 | 14 me that these people have much more in common with
15 | 15 each other than they do with the people that are funding
16 | 16 the pipeline. And it seems to me there must be some
17 | 17 common ground that can be found rather than opposing
18 | 18 each other. It's almost like somebody else is holding
19 | 19 the strings and we're fighting against each other and
20 | 20 we're really in the same boat. I'm sure none of us "
21 | 21 not very many of us here in Schoharie County live here
22 | 22 because we have the intention of getting wealthy from
23 | 23 what we do. Most of us are working hard and eeking out
24 | 24 a living. And basically we're here tonight, in some
25 | 25 cases, fighting with each other and the people that are

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See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property value, insurance, and mortgages.

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PM1-132	1 really putting all the economic and political pressure
	2 into this whole " into this room aren't even here and
	3 again, I think we should find some common ground. That's
	4 all I wanted to say tonight. Thank you.
	5 MR. MOONEYHAN: Clements Macki? Luke Mazza?
	6 MR. LUKE MAZZA: My name is Luke Mazza,
	7 L-U-K-E M-A-Z-Z-A. I'm a new resident, new homeowner.
	8 I've lived here my whole live. I went away to school and
	9 I came back mostly because of how beautiful the county is
	10 and you know I don't think if this was the epicenter of
	11 natural gas operations and fracking, which is a
	12 possibility, we would have ever considered coming back
	13 to the area and I know the same is true for a lot of
	14 people who have left and come back. I'm glad someone
	15 brought up the issue of Karst. That's something that
	16 seems to be overlooked a little bit in the environmental
	17 assessment. Myself, I know a little bit about Karst, being
	18 a caver. I'm a member of the Northeastern Cave
	19 Conservancy and a manager of a cave property in the area.
PM1-133	20 The proposed pipeline will be traversing both Taris
	21 Mountain and Barton Hill which are both known Karst
	22 areas. They have many caves, many visitors, underground
	23 drainages. I notice in the Karst mitigation plan
	24 submitted by Constitution there's no mention of wildlife
	25 and Karst wildlife which seems to be a major emission

PM1-132 See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

PM1-133 As stated in the Karst Mitigation Plan, "If a cave is encountered that can be accessed from the surface, retain a professional speleologist, geologist, or geotechnical engineer with speleology experience to assess the cave conditions." In addition, Constitution would only cement or grout fill karst cavities less than 30 cubic yards. The Karst Mitigation Plan goes on to state that "other options, including re-routing" may be needed for cavities larger than 30 cubic yards.

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1 given that Karst landscapes are home to a lot of fragile
2 ecosystems. Since there's endangered species like the
3 Indiana bat. What I was wondering was if a Karst cavity is
4 discovered, how will its biological significance be
5 determined? There were no mentions of biological
6 authorities being brought in, in the Karst mitigation
7 plan. If sensitive or endangered species is encountered
8 in those sort of environments, what will happen? If a
9 cave of significance is uncovered, either biologically,
10 geologically or culturally, what measures will be taken
11 to preserve the cave and will it be possibly filled with
12 cement, as is currently allowed according to their current
13 plan? There are not limitations on size or significance
14 when it comes to possibly filling it with cement grout
15 to stabilize them, the pipeline. Caves in this area are
16 pretty important. We have two commercial caves. They
17 sustain a lot of economic activity in the area, and
18 I don't think anyone in the area wants to see those sorts
19 of these destroyed or affected negatively. I also noticed
20 that John Milroy's PhD thesis from 1977 is used to
21 determine the location of caves and Karst features on
22 the route, but this is an old thesis written by one
23 person, and it's hardly a thorough analysis of what sorts
24 of caves and Karst features are in abundance on those
25 two hills. Just a couple other points quickly, I know

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PM1-134	<p>1 someone brought up, you know the insurance issue has</p> <p>2 been brought up. I don't really think that was covered</p> <p>3 at all by the DEIS. There was mention that local agencies</p> <p>4 were talked to and five major companies but no real</p> <p>5 conclusions were come to and they weren't willing to</p> <p>6 speak, which could be an indication that they don't</p> <p>7 want to say they will be modifying people's insurance</p> <p>8 plans or chopping them which would be understandable</p> <p>9 that they wouldn't want to comment on that. As far as</p> <p>10 I'm concerned that wasn't addressed at all because there's</p> <p>11 no conclusion. My question is what benefits will home-</p> <p>12 owners have if Constitution fails to mitigate the impacts</p> <p>13 of insurance adjustments or cancellations? Is there</p> <p>14 anything would actually require Constitution to fix</p> <p>15 those issues? Currently they would just be " the</p> <p>16 recommendation is that they would just be required to</p> <p>17 submit to the secretary any related complaints that</p>
PM1-135	<p>18 landowners have. Someone mentioned the risk of deaths</p> <p>19 and compared it to lightning strikes. That's actually</p> <p>20 brought up in the DEIS and a number of other natural</p> <p>21 death causes are compared to the risk of pipeline</p> <p>22 deaths. That's I think intentionally misleading. Those</p> <p>23 sorts of things, the risk of falling, auto accidents, they</p> <p>24 effect the entire country, 313 million people. Deaths by</p> <p>25 pipeline is only going to affect a small subset population</p>

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See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values, insurance, and mortgages.
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The commentor’s statements regarding pipeline safety are noted. The PHMSA does not compile data based on surrounding populations. However, as stated provided in table 4.12.1-4, from 2008 through 2012 2 gas company employees and 8 members of the public died due to the San Bruno, CA incident. No other fatalities were recorded during this timeframe.

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PM1-135 cont'd	1 that lives right next to the pipeline. So someone else 2 brought that up specifically, and I just want to clear 3 that up. I think that should just be " the whole section 4 should just not be in there because I think it's just 5 meant to convince people that pipelines are a little 6 safer than they are. It should be presented as a risk of 7 death per hundred thousand people that live near the 8 pipeline, something like that. Finally, one more thing,
PM1-136	9 future plans and abandonment. There's a heading on this 10 section, and it says abandonment but the issue is not 11 actually addressed. It says Constitution has no " 12 essentially to paraphrase, Constitution has no intention 13 to abandon any of its facilities. Well of course they 14 don't. That's not their business. Their business is to 15 make money and not really worry about what happens after. 16 So my question is, can we actually figure out how the 17 pipeline being decommissioned or abandoned would happen 18 or the long interim impact of infrastructure of that type 19 being left behind and whose responsibility does it come 20 as we move forward hundreds of thousands of years? 21 What's going to happen with this thing? So that's it. 22 That's all I have. Thank you.
	23 MR. MOONEYHAN: Rand Lewis?
	24 MR. RAND LEWIS: I already spoke.
	25 MR. BOWMAN: Okay, that's everyone that we 24

PM1-136 See the response to comment IND53-1 regarding abandonment of the pipeline.

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1 have signed up to speak at this time. Is there anyone
2 that didn't speak that wishes to come up and do so?
3 I see a hand. If you want to come up, come on up and
4 make sure you state your name and spell it, please.

5 MR. JOHN GORSIN: My name is John Gorsin.
6 I'm from the Town of Wright, Schoharie County. G-O-R-S-I-N-E
7 John. And the problem I have with a lot of this is we have
8 no vote about any of this in the Town of Wright. We had
9 a lot of grants coming in our way and fighting with that.
10 I was a Vietnam Vet. I am a Vietnam Veteran. I've had

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11 kids with multiple seizures. I have a tumor. I'm just
12 worried about what kind of chemicals if they do the
13 fracking are we going to get. And that's my biggest
14 concern. And that's why I had to say something. I
15 hope we can all get it together. Maybe we can go to a
16 different thing except for this fracking with the
17 chemicals scaring me. And I appreciate your time.

18 MR. BOWMAN: Is there anyone else that
19 would like to speak at this time? I saw a hand on the
20 left side. If anyone wants to speak, why don't they
21 just kind of come ahead and sit down in one of these
22 front rows and first come, first serve.

23 MS. MARY ANN HOECKER: Hi. My name is Mary
24 Ann, Hoecker, H-O-E-C-K-E-R. And I've been since the
25 beginning, most of these gatherings. And I recognize

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See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

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1 the lady from Pennsylvania. And I just want to address
2 you guys because I don't intend to be no position. I
3 just cannot imagine. I can only speak from the heart.
4 I'm not good at speaking from here. I can't imagine
5 living with the decision that you have to make. And I
6 just want to say that God bless and hope that will be
7 all with the right purpose because I've lived up here
8 not that long but I've seen the power of our creator,
9 the flood. I couldn't imagine what will happen to
10 the millions of people in New York City and downstate.
11 We're North.
12 Your thing is going to be going south without anyone's
13 being able to do much about it. And I think that's huge.
14 I couldn't " I'm glad I'm as old as I am because I
15 wouldn't want to live through that. I don't know if I
16 could take it. I just wish and hope the best for all of
17 you. This is not a small task or a small decision. It's
18 huge. And I want to thank you for listening to everybody.
19 That in itself has to be huge. And I want to thank
20 everybody who stayed so late but it's important to know
21 and to learn but what I've learned is that from the heart
22 you people are a big part of what will happen and it will
23 be the right decision. Good night and God bless.
24 MS. SUSAN JACQUES: My name is Susan Jacques,
25 J-A-C-Q-U-E-S. and although this is going to sound

PM1-138 See the response to comment IND113-1 regarding flooding.

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PM1-139	<p>1 drastic to some, it's my opinion but I consider it a 2 terrorist threat. IN the day and age where they're 3 looking to create any havoc in any country. They've 4 already spoken recently on the electrical grid and 5 how we can be effected by that. Well how much easier 6 is it for them to just find all the pipelines in one 7 location and just hit one spot? And it's over with. 8 I moved up here from downstate for the tranquility.</p>
PM1-140	<p>9 The pipeline isn't going directly through my property 10 but the caverns are only a few feet from my well. And 11 those caverns, the pipeline coming in front of 88 " 12 88 is not a good venue simply because we've had floods 13 from waters go onto 88 and literally flip over cars 14 with people in it. With pipelines going, it's coming 15 down a hill. My caves extend all the way down. They are 16 close to people's homes. They are close to septic. 17 This is one point on the map, if I'm not mistaken, it's 18 going through somebody's septic. If you're building " 19 I just finished an addition. I had to make sure that</p>
PM1-141	<p>20 my post and my footings were below frost line. Now I 21 understand that there are many sections of this 22 pipeline that's only going two feet down. And then 23 they'll sprinkle some dirt on top of it. Why is it that 24 they don't have to abide by the rules? Then we have 25 all this massive rain that comes off this hill. It's</p>

PM1-139 See the response to comment CO8-3 regarding terrorism.

PM1-140 See the response to comment IND113-1 regarding flooding.

PM1-141 See the response to comments IND11-8 and IND110-11.

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PMI-142 1 going from Route 30 up the hill, close to all the
2 neighbor's house over there. And people put a lot of
3 money over there to build these homes. But when that
4 rain comes down, we've had " I can't say boulders.
5 Boulders would be an exaggeration but we had very huge
6 stones that were in the drain, gutters. Downstate it
7 would be gutters but what happened was when the waters
8 came down, not from any of the tropical storms " it was
9 just a regular heavy rainstorm " those stones literally
10 went down Route 30 all over the road. That's how
11 powerful water is. They had built a water basin at the
12 bottom of my hill. Now when that water comes down and
13 that pipeline is sitting on it or partially under it,
14 the power of water is able to get under, lift it up and
15 that's going to cause a break in pipeline. I thought
16 being that it wasn't going through my property I was
PMI-143 17 better off. After listening to some of the numbers here
18 tonight, I'm finding out that is definitely not true.
19 And I do follow every explosion that has happened from
20 pipelines. I follow everything. I go online just to
21 read the Constitution's memos, the commercials. If
PMI-144 22 fracking or gas is so safe, why are they spending so much
23 money to convince the public that it's safe. If it was,
24 you wouldn't have to do that much forecasting. And
25 now it's almost every other commercial and I deliberately

PM1-142 See the response to comment IND113-1 regarding flooding.

PM1-143 See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety.

PM1-144 See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

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1 skip through it. I don't want to see it. So yes your
2 job is very hard, and I understand you're the middleman.
3 And they just throw you out here but we are human
PM1-145 4 beings. We do have homes. We do have families. School
5 buses come past my house all the time. I's just a route.
6 Anything goes on that line, what happens to all those
7 children? What happened to the people who were driving on
8 I88? I88 is right there. So I'm going to pray, as I have
9 been, that you all take your time, extend it if you have
10 to. What is the rush? I don't see that there is a rush
PM1-146 11 to do this. I think that the timeline can be extended.
12 I don't believe that most of the people in Schoharie even
13 know about any of this. I've talked to at least 20 people
14 in the past month, and they know nothing about the
PM1-147 15 pipeline and the consequences, what it can lead to. And
16 make no mistake, there's an articles where they actually
17 did indicate fracking after this. So that's all I have
18 to say. I will pray that you all make the right decision,
19 and just remember, we're people. We're families, and we're
20 part of this country. And I feel that it's a form of
21 harassment that they choose the rural routes to go in
22 and just destroy what we have. And I thank you for your
23 time.
24 MR. BOWMAN: Yes, sir.
25 MR. CLADE CRISTELL: Hi. My name is

PM1-145 See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety.

PM1-146 See response to comment FA1-1.

PM1-147 See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

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1 Clade Cristell, C-L-A-D-E C-R-I-S-T-E-I-L. Been with the
2 union labor for 32 years. I worked on a pipeline, and
3 every pipeline I was on we had inspector with each crew
4 making sure everything is right. They won't let you
5 start until the inspector got there. And the first
6 pipeline I was on they were closing school down and
7 factories, a year like this when you had a real coal
8 year, shortage on the gas because of the pipelines.
9 They put that line in, alleviated it and then there was
10 promise of Millennium coming to pipeline. That got held
11 off for eight years for stuff like this. That finally
12 went through. Here we are talking about it again. All
13 this stuff has been studied, and pipelines are pretty
14 darn safe right now. I've been on a lot of them. I
15 own land in Pennsylvania. They just put a 24 inch line
16 there. And no problems at all. Read the papers down
17 there you don't hear all this stuff about " very little.
18 A lot of happy people down there with the money they
19 gave. I did very well and there were very little problems.
20 All I hear is -- been hearing that for since it
21 happened. The town's people even got fed up with it.
22 They started their own committee.
23 Supervisor of that town was in on that committee. We got
24 the moratorium lifted there. Cabot made a mistake there.
25 They cracked through it. The DEP came in. that wasn't

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The commentor's statements in support of the proposed projects are noted.

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1 enough. They had to bring the EPA in. They cited one
2 County and Susquehanna County. And found out places where
3 no drilling activity was ever done, same water they had
4 there right in the county. There's a whole lot of
5 hype over this water pollution. Very little
6 that have been down there compared to all the wells
7 they drilled around 120,000 water wells. You had
8 problems with a handful down there. And out of 20
9 households that were effected down there, 12 of them
10 took the buyout, like that lady said. They still had
11 their house, still own their house. The townspeople
12 got together and said enough is enough, start their
13 own committee, got the moratorium lifted. The town's
14 supervisor was head of that too. So if there's all
15 the problem -- why would the townspeople be
16 for it? There's eight people holding out trying to get
17 to become millionaires out of that lawsuit down there.
18 And that's where I know about it. I go down there
19 about twice a month, get every paper I could to read
20 about what's' happened. Hear a lot of good stuff like
21 in Wyalusing. They put natural gas to that town and
22 they're bringing in a cheese plant, promise them cheap
23 natural gas. And it's helping a lot of towns down
24 there like that. They're switching from coal to natural
25 gas. It's bringing an average utility bill down \$1200

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1 on average throughout the state for people like me and
2 you, not just for the companies. There's a lot of good
3 sides to the pipelines. It's not as bad as all the
4 people want to believe. Thank you.

5 MR. MOONEYHAN: Last?

6 MR. RON SEGARRA: Ron Segarra, S-E-G-A-R-R-A.

7 I've heard a lot of pros and cons, and I feel everyone
8 has the right to what they're saying, and they are right,
9 whether it be for jobs or against jobs. I think the people
10 with farms had the right. I think the people with BOCES
11 have a right. I think the people that live 10 feet away
12 from the pipeline have a right. I believe these questions
13 that I'm saying about are the ones that have to be looked
14 into. I live in a limestone area. There's caves all
15 around me underneath my house. So I'm not saying I'm for
16 it. I'm not saying I'm against it. I'm saying I'm for
17 jobs. I'm saying a lot of these questions that have been
18 brought up have to be answered. Whether there's enough
19 people going to be on the payroll from these people,
20 whether it's good for the environment, these questions
21 have to be looked into. Thank you.

22 MR. BOWMAN: Is there anyone who would like to
23 say something else? Okay. So with that, the formal part
24 of this meeting will close. I'd like to quickly mention
25 our Website has a link called "eLibrary . That's at

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The commentator's statements are noted.

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1 www.ferc.gov where you can access everything on this page
2 about these projects. Please just enter the doc numbers
3 for the projects in when you go to the Website. That will
4 be CP13-499 and CT13-502 information is still outside
5 the tables. And using this eLibrary matches everything on
6 the record concerning the projects. You can get another
7 copy of the DEIS and information submitted by applicants.
8 On behalf of the Federal Energy and Regulatory Commission,
9 I want to thank you all for a good night and giving us all
10 your comments. So let the record show that the EIS comment
11 meeting closed at 11:09 PM.

12 (Whereupon at 11:09 p.m., the scoping meeting
13 adjourned.

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The public scoping meeting, pursuant to notice,

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convened at 7:10p.m.,Kevin Bowman chair of the scoping

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. BOWMAN: If I could have everyone's
3 attention for a quick second, we will be starting. So
4 if you could find your way to your seats, I would
5 greatly appreciate it. Good evening, everyone. On
6 behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,
7 I want to welcome all of you tonight to the second
8 public comment meeting on the draft of environmental
9 impact statement or DEIS. On the Constitution Pipeline
10 and Wright interconnect projects. We have a very long
11 meeting ahead of us tonight. I ask that you hold any
12 sort of interjections or the meeting will last probably
13 until 2 or 3 o'clock tonight, and I want to make sure that
14 I get everyone's comments tonight. So, please, I ask
15 be respectful. Thank you.

16 So let the record shows that the DEIS
17 comment unit began at 7:10 on April 1, in Oneonta,
18 New York. My name is Kevin Bowman, and I am an
19 Environmental Project Manager with the Office of Energy
20 Projects, which is a division of the FERC.

21 To my right is Doug Mooneyhan. To his
22 right is Kelly Munoz, and to her right is Amy Gitchell
23 with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. Also, at the
24 tables on your way in representing FERC tonight was
25 Lavinia DiSanto, Jen Ward, Kim Seachrist and David

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1 Swearingen.

2 The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, the
3 Environmental Protection Agency, The Federal Highway
4 Administration and the New York State Department of
5 Agriculture and Marketing are participating as
6 cooperating agencies in the preparation of this EIS.
7 I would like to thank the cooperating agencies for
8 their continued assistance in the neighbor review of
9 these projects.

10 I'm going to briefly turn things over to
11 Amy Gitchell with the Corp of Engineers who will go
12 over a brief overview of how their environmental review
13 process relates to these projects. Amy?

14 MS. AMY GITCHELL: Good evening. Thank you,
15 Kevin. My name is Amy Gitchell. I'm the Chief of the
16 Upstate New York section of the regulatory branch for
17 the New York District, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.
18 I will be participating in tonight's meeting on behalf
19 of the Corp of Engineers.

20 The Corp of Engineers is here today to
21 obtain information and evidence to learn of the public's
22 concerns and to assist in the regulatory review of the
23 permit application submitted by Constitution Pipeline
24 Company for the construction of the pipeline that will
25 be described by Mr. Bowman. If constructed, the

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1 pipeline would require crossings of wetlands and streams
2 that are considered waters of the United States and
3 regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act in
4 both Pennsylvania and New York. The Federal Regulatory
5 of Energy Commission, as the lead Federal Agency, will
6 make a decision whether to issue a certificate of public
7 convenience and necessity to allow construction of this
8 project.

9 The Corp of Engineers is neither an proponent
10 or nor an opponent of the proposed work. Our role is to
11 determine whether the proposed activity, in this case the
12 construction of a 124 mile pipeline that would require
13 numerous crossings of water through the United States is
14 in the overall public interest. This hearing will play
15 an important part in that determination.

16 Please understand that we do not expect to
17 answer questions from the audience in this hearing related
18 to the proposal as we are here to obtain information and
19 your comments. Questions on the regulatory process in
20 general can be directed to my staff and my office on
21 another day.

22 The New York District has issued a public
23 notice for this project with the comment period closing
24 on April 7. The entire public notice, including all of
25 the attachments is currently posted on the New York

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1 District Website. The Website address is
2 www.nan.usace.army.mel. We do have some copies of the
3 public notice without the attachments on the registration
4 table. I'll ask that you reserve taking those if you --
5 for those that don't have access to the internet. If
6 you are not currently on the public notice email
7 distribution list and would like to receive an email
8 announcement for future public notices from my office,
9 please provide your email address to one of the staff
10 members at the registration table today.

11 I look forward to hearing your comments
12 this evening.

13 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, Amy. You'll note
14 that we have arranged for a court reporter to transcribe
15 these meetings so that we will have an accurate record of
16 the meeting. If you would like to have a copy of that
17 transcript, you may make arrangements to do so with the
18 court reporter following this meeting.

19 In June 2013, Constitution Pipeline Company,
20 Iroquois Gas Transmission filed applications under Section
21 7 of the Natural Gas Act. These projects would consist
22 of the installation of approximately 124 miles of 30 inch
23 natural gas -- 30 inch diameter natural gas pipeline
24 between Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania and Schoharie,
25 New York.

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1 The primary purpose of this meeting is to
2 give you all an opportunity to provide specific
3 environmental comments on the draft EIS prepared by a
4 FERC staff on these projects. It will help us the most
5 if your comments are as specific as possible regarding the
6 proposed projects and the draft EIS.

7 I'd like to get clarified that this is a
8 project being proposed by Constitution and Iroquois. It
9 is not a project being proposed by FERC. Rather, the FERC
10 is the lead Federal Agency responsible for evaluating
11 applications to construct and operate interstate natural
12 gas pipeline facilities and for evaluating review. The
13 FERC, therefore, is not an advocate for the project.
14 Instead, as mentioned throughout this process, the FERC
15 is an advocate for the environmental review process.

16 During a review of these projects, we
17 assembled information from a variety of sources, including
18 Constitution Iroquois, you the public, other State, Local
19 and Federal Agencies and our own independent analysis of
20 of field work. We analyzed this information, prepared a
21 draft EIS
22 that was distributed to the public for comment. News
23 and availability for the draft EIS was issued for this
24 project on February 12, 2014.

25 WE are nearing the end of the 45 day

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1 comment period on the draft EIS. This comment period
2 formally ends this Monday, April 7, 2014. All comments
3 received, written or spoken, will be addressed in the
4 final EIS. I encourage you if you plan to submit
5 comments and have not, please do so here today either
6 verbally during the comment portion of our meeting or
7 in writing using one of the forms on the side tables
8 outside the room. You may also submit comments using
9 the procedures outlined in the "notice of availability"
10 of DEIS which includes instructions on how to submit
11 them electronically. Your comments will be considered
12 with equal rate regardless of whether they are provided
13 verbally during the comment portion of this meeting
14 tonight or submitted in writing.

15 If you receive a copy of this EIS, either
16 in paper or CD, you will automatically receive a copy of
17 the final EIS. If you did not get a copy of the draft
18 and would like to get a copy of the final, please sign
19 the attendance list outside the tables and provide your
20 name and address, and we'll make sure you get a copy of
21 the final EIS.

22 I would like to state that neither the
23 draft nor the final EIS are decision making documents.
24 In other words, once the draft or the final are issued,
25 they do not determine whether or not the projects will

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1 be approved or denied. I also want to differentiate
2 between the roles of two distinct staff members at the
3 Commission. They are the Commission and the Environmental
4 Staff. Myself and the other FERC members here tonight
5 are part of the FERC Environmental Review Staff. We
6 will oversee the preparation of the EIS's for this
7 project. WE do not determine whether to approve or
8 deny these projects. Instead, the FERC Commissioners do
9 that. They consist of five Presidentially appointed
10 individuals who are responsible for making a determination
11 of whether to issue a certificate of public convenience
12 and necessity certificate to Constitution and Iroquois.
13 As I mentioned earlier, the EIS is not a decision making
14 document. But it does assist the Commission in
15 determining whether or not to approve the projects.
16 The Commission will consider environmental information
17 from EIS, public comments, as well as a host of other non-
18 environmental information such as engineering, markets
19 and rates in their ultimate decision on whether or not to
20 approve or deny projects. There is no review on FERC's
21 decision by the President or Congress, thus maintaining
22 FERC's role as an independent regulatory agency. Only
23 after taking into consideration the environmental and
24 non-environmental factors and consideration will the
25 Commission make its final determination. If the Commission

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1 votes to approve the project or a certificate were to be
2 issued, Constitution and Iroquois would be required to
3 meet certain conditions outlined in that certificate.
4 In addition, FERC environmental staff would monitor the
5 project through construction and restoration and perform
6 daily onsite inspections to document environmental
7 compliance in accordance with applicable laws and
8 regulations,

9 Constitution and Iroquois' proposed plans and mitigation
10 and any additional conditions from that FERC certificate.

11 Okay, that's my brief overview of the FERC
12 process. Now let me go onto the important parts of today's
13 meeting and that is taking comments from you all. If you
14 don't want to speak tonight or you don't have the time or
15 you don't get to say everything you wanted tonight, you can
16 use one of the written comment forms outside by the tables.
17 And you can either give that to us tonight, or you can
18 mail that in to the Commission. There are instructions
19 outside on the table and its availability for the DIS.
20 Of course, either way, your comments will be considered
21 with equal weight.

22 As I mentioned before, this meeting is being
23 recorded by a court reporter so that all your comments will
24 be transcribed and placed into the public record. I ask
25 that for the benefit of the court reporter that each

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1 speaker first identify themselves and, if appropriate,
2 provide the agency or the group that you are representing.
3 Also, please spell your name for the record so that we can
4 accurately document who you are.

5 Additionally, my number one rule for tonight
6 is that you please show respect for anyone who is speaking.
7 We have approximately 100 people signed up to speak
8 tonight. A lot of people. So we're going to have to limit
9 everyone to three minutes, so that as people signed up at
10 the end don't have to wait too long.

11 So with that, I do want to mention that if you
12 spoke last night, we will be calling tonight people who
13 signed up if it's their first time to speak at a FERC DEIS
14 comment meeting. We will be continuing that trend
15 tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday if you come to those
16 meetings as well. So with that, we'll lead into our
17 comments tonight.

18 So our first speaker tonight?

19 MR. MOONEYHAN: Anne Marie Garti? If
20 we could go ahead and get Robert Lidsky and Dick Downey
21 to come forward after Ms. Garti speaks?

22 MS. ANNE MARIE GARTI: My name is Anne
23 Marie Garti. The last name is G-A-R-T-I. I represent
24 Stop The Pipeline with the PACE Environmental Litigation
25 Clinic. So I was at the hearings last night, and today

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	1 I was thinking about why you're getting so much negative
	2 feedback from people in the community. And so I think
	3 there are three broad categories of negative comments.
PM2-1	4 There may be more but a lot of people think that the
	5 DEIS is riddled with industry bias. And another big
PM2-2	6 point is that the DEIS is written as if it's a generic
	7 EIS, not a site specific EIS. And it's your legal
	8 obligation to write a site specific EIS even though this
	9 pipeline is 124 miles long. And that's your
	10 responsibility, not ours. We don't have to supply you
	11 with the information. You have to get the information,
	12 and then we just have to respond to it. So you're on
PM2-3	13 notice that it's not site specific enough. And the third
	14 thing is that there's a lot -- there's a huge amount of
	15 missing material, and that needs to be supplemented or
	16 revised before we can fully comment. So I'm not going
	17 to -- I'm going to do something a little different tonight,
	18 which is that I'm going to tell you a little story,
	19 kind of, in terms of local history to help you to
	20 understand this area that we're in now. And what
	21 that story is, is that where we are now, some hundreds
	22 of millions of years ago was under a shallow sea. And
	23 then there's this huge uplift. There was a tectonic
	24 lift, and it formed what we call the Catskill Mountains.
	25 Those Catskill Mountains are really not mountains at all

PM2-1 The commentor’s statement regarding the draft EIS is noted.

PM2-2 Site-specific information is presented through the EIS. Proposed site-specific waterbody crossing methods and information is provided in appendix K. Areas where Constitution has requested extra workspace and stated that a 50-foot setback from wetlands is infeasible (including its site-specific justifications) are identified in appendix D of the EIS. Appendix G provides steep slopes by milepost that would be crossed by the proposed projects. Site-specific soil limitations are provided in appendix J. Proposed site-specific wetland crossing methods and information is provided in appendix L.

PM2-3 See response to comment FA1-1.

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1 but it's an uplifted plateau. So just where the pipeline
2 is cited is on the North West edge of this uplift. And
3 that's why there's a steep drop down to the Susquehanna
4 Valley. And because it was a plateau, the ridge tops
5 are flat. And because there's a lot of water in this
6 area because of the rainfalls from the Great Lakes, it's
7 very wet up there. So along this area are two head
8 waters of two major rivers; one being the Susquehanna
9 and the other is a Delaware, and they're not very far
10 apart. You know, actually in certain spots you can have
11 foot in one and one foot in the other. The proposed
12 project itself is in the Susquehanna head waters. Now
13 the native Americans, when they came thorough, they're
14 the first known humans to interact with this territory,
15 and they would travel along the rivers

16 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please conclude your
17 comments.

18 MS. ANNE MARIE GARTI: Will somebody
19 seize their time to me?

20 MR. BOWMAN: We won't be doing any
21 conceding of time because it might be too difficult for
22 us to track.

23 MS. ANNE MARIE GARTI: Come on. I'm
24
25 representing the people.

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1	MR. BOWMAN: Excuse me. Ms. Garti,
2	you can submit your comments as written comments at
3	the close of the meeting.
4	MS. ANNE MARIE GARTI: So how much time
5	do I have left?
6	MR. MOONEYHAN: Your time is up.
7	MS. ANNE MARIE GARTI: My time is up?
8	MR. BOWMAN: Yes, ma'am. I'm asking
9	that everyone else please remain quiet while anyone
10	else is speaking. I said I had one rule in this meeting,
11	that everyone respect whoever is speaking regardless if
12	it's the speaker or myself. Robert Lidsky?
13	MR. ROBERT LIDSKY: My name is Robert
14	Lidsky. I'm an intervener and a landowner along the
15	route. No one should get a job by stealing land.
16	Eminent domain is theft. Do not steal my land. I'd
17	like to talk about landowner compensation. Determining
18	landowner compensation for Constitution's taking the
19	right of way reveals fundamental flaws in FERC's
20	permitting process. Constitution uses these flaws
21	to its advantage when dealing with landowners who
22	have property that it wants to use for its pipeline
23	project. FERC's process is fundamentally flawed and
24	unjust and taints its relationship with Constitution.
25	Instead of FERC as regulator impartially setting

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See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain.
See the response to comment IND99-1 regarding dispute resolution.

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1 standards for protecting and compensating landowners,
2 it ignores landowner's concerns, cutting them loose
3 while giving Williams and its partners a simple,
4 convenient way to fast track the pipeline project
5 and get their easements at the lowest possible cost
6 in the shortest possible time. It is FERC's duty to
7 mitigate impacts on landowners. It's not what happens.
8 In reality, FERC issues a permit based on Constitution's
9 analysis of the impact on landowners while ignoring
10 the direct and residual adverse impacts on landowners
11 and communities. Despite numerous landowner and
12 community concerns, FERC treats that superficial analysis
13 as fact, and a simpleton mitigator is not relevant.
14 The DEIS appears to be a near total approval of
15 Constitution's statements and analysis. FERC approves
16 these mitigations in a generic way, not parcel by
17 parcel. No determination is made on what specific impacts
18 will actually do to my parcel of property until all the
19 other landowners were treated as individuals. Instead,
20 that burden of proof is placed entirely on landowners
21 and at their own expense. My compensation is not tied
22 to the approval of the DEIS. If FERC allows
23 Constitution to take my land, then Constitution should
24 be required to pay for the devaluation of my entire
25 property instead of paying only for the acreage of the

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1 easement itself. To FERC my compensation made an
2 eminent domain court, long after the pipeline is permitted.
3 Is it relevant? But the Constitution's of huge
4 importance, quick permitting, lowest cost. I will have
5 to bear all the cost of proving that the EIS is
6 inadequate to the task of protecting me. The expense
7 of eminent domain legal representation and expert
8 witnesses without question exceeds the 7 cents on the
9 dollar offered me by Constitution putting me in this
10 precarious financial position is exactly what
11 Constitution intends. In issuing the DEIS, it is
12 FERC's job by statute to take all landowner's
13 concerns into account. That obligation is obviously
14 ignored. FERC, you have failed to do your job. You
15 have given Constitution power over landowners, and
16 you know it, and you condone it. Eminent domain is
17 Constitution's immoral tool of choice to steal, not only
18 from me, but from hundreds of other landowners.

19 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please conclude your
20 comments, sir.

21 MR. ROBERT LIDSKY: I'm about to. It's
22 no wonder that the term sacrifice zone has worked its
23 way into our vocabulary. Thank you.

24 MR. MOONEYHAN: Mike German and George
25 Busch, Dick Downey?

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1 MR. RICHARD DOWNEY: My name is Richard
2 Downey, D-O-W-N-E-Y. I represent the Unatego area
3 landowners association. I will be presenting in writing
4 a critique of your evaluation system as found on pages
5 4-141 and 142. I'll be doing that later on in writing.
6 However, in summary, I want to say the following;
7 according to the last census, half the homes in the
8 United States are heated with gas. Electrical
9 generation is switching from coal to gas. In 2008
10 it was 21 percent, not it's 30 percent and rising.
11 Because of the switch, carbon dioxide has been
12 reduced in the United States to the lowest levels
13 in 20 years. All this with a growing population and
14 a growing GDP. European manufacturers are moving to
15 the United States. Cost of production and cost of
16 feedback -- feedstock are lower here than in Europe.
17 The old rustbelt has new energy. 24 liquid natural
18 gas terminals are in the planning stage or construction
19 phases. We need them built to offset Russia's chokehold
20 on Europe. 18 pipelines from Russia pass through the
21 Ukraine. Compressed natural gas can cut automotive
22 mileage costs by half. They emit 30 percent less Co2
23 then gasoline. To service CNG cars and CNG truck
24 fleets, CNG stations will be built. This is the
25 demand for natural gas. This demand depends upon

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PM2-5	<p>1 a delivery system. The Constitution pipeline is part</p> <p>2 of that delivery system. Let's get it done. The sooner</p> <p>3 the better. The better for our economy, for our homes,</p> <p>4 businesses, factories and civic institutions. The</p> <p>5 better for our local, state and national government and</p> <p>6 the better for the world. Let's get the pipeline built.</p> <p>7 MR. MOONEYHAN: Mike Germany, George Busch</p> <p>8 and Mike Zagata?</p> <p>9 MR. MICHAEL GERMAN: Good evening. I have to</p> <p>10 lower the microphone a little to speak up and I have great</p> <p>11 sympathy for you all sitting up here. I may not make</p> <p>12 it to the last speaker tonight. I may leave a little</p> <p>13 early. My name is Michael German, M-I-C-H-A-E-L</p> <p>14 G-E-R-M-A-N, and I am here representing</p>
PM2-6	<p>15 Leatherstocking Gas. Leatherstocking is an</p> <p>16 intervener in this case and has recently filed</p> <p>17 written comments with the FERC relative to the</p> <p>18 DIS in support of the Constitution pipeline.</p> <p>19 Leatherstocking Gas is a new gas distribution</p> <p>20 company with 15 gas utility franchises in the</p> <p>21 State of Pennsylvania and 10 franchises granted by</p> <p>22 municipalities in the State of New York.</p> <p>23 Leatherstocking has begun piping and serving</p> <p>24 customers in communities in Susquehanna County,</p> <p>25 Pennsylvania. Leatherstocking is not currently</p>

PM2-5 The commentator’s statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

PM2-6 The commentator’s statements in support of the proposed project are noted. The commentator’s statements regarding Leatherstocking are noted.

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1 serving any customers or built any facilities in
2 the State of New York. There appears to be some
3 confusion as to the status and nature of
4 Leatherstocking's plans to serve customers and
5 communities in proximity to the Constitution pipeline.
6 While eight communities in New York in proximity to
7 Constitution have granted Leatherstocking municipal
8 gas franchises, Leatherstocking has not done any
9 engineering or applied to the New York Public Service
10 Commission to perfect those franchises. Second mis-
11 conception, Leatherstocking is not a gathering
12 company, a processing company or a compression
13 company. We will not get in the business of
14 gathering, processing or compressing gas. We
15 are a local utility intending to serve retail
16 customers in New York and Pennsylvania. Third,
17 if Leatherstocking does provide gas service to
18 the aforementioned eight communities, they gas
19 volumes involved would be inconsequential to the
20 Constitution pipeline. At maximum, we believe we
21 would serve a roughly 2,000 MCF a day on a cold
22 day which equals 0.5 percent of the estimated
23 throughput of Constitution. When Leatherstocking
24 does apply to the New York Public Service Commission
25 to perfect any of its eight franchises, which all but

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1 one were unanimously granted by local communities
2 around here, it will be subject to a comprehensive
3 environmental review by New York Public Service
4 Commission regulations and New York Seeker.
5 Historically when the New York Public Service
6 Commission approves a gas franchise, it always includes
7 an extensive environmental mitigation measures in its
8 order. The bottom line is, natural gas service is
9 needed in currently unserved areas along the
10 Constitution pipeline and the route 88 corridor.
11 This is proven by the fact that these communities
12 have granted Leatherstocking franchises. The New
13 York Public Service--
14 MR. MOONEYHAN: Finish your comment, sir.
15 MR. MICHAEL GERMAN: The New York Public
16 Service Commission has a policy in place to encourage
17 the building of franchises and the State of New York
18 has provided incentive for construction. It will do
19 so -- we will build an environmentally -- one sentence?
20 MR. MOONEYHAN: Thank you for your time.
21 MR. MICHAEL GERMAN: Thank you.
22 MR. MOONEYHAN: Mikey Zagata, Kathy
23 Shimberg?
24 MR. GEORGE BUSCH: Good evening. My name
25 is George Busch, B-U-S-C-H, the last name. I'm here to

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1 talk about information within the draft environmental
2 impact statement raising issues or concerns by commentors,
3 and interveners as to the availability of property
4 insurance for homeowners and business owners on lands
5 where there is a natural gas pipeline easement being
6 considered. As a director of insurance services for a
7 local insurance agency, I reached out to a cross section
8 of regional and national carriers, both on the commercial
9 and residential homeowners fronts, and received positive
10 indications that there would be no issues with providing
11 insurance for homeowners and business owners where the
12 easement is granted. There is no plan in place to
13 substantially change any pricing or availability to
14 individuals in this area. Thank you.

15 MR. MOONEYHAN: Mikey Zagata, Kathy
16 Shimberg, IngeGrafe-Kieklak?

17 MR. MIKE ZAGATA: Hi. My name is Mike,
18 as opposed to Mickey. I'm not sure where that came
19 from. Zagata, Zebra, Adam, George, Adam, Tom, Adam.
20 It's a pleasure to be here, and it's ironic. I started
21 my career in this building as a biology teacher and
22 coach and went on to do some things in conservation,
23 heading Audubon's legislative office in Washington
24 serving as DEC Commissioner for Governor Pataki and
25 then President and CEO of the Ruffed Grouse Society.

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See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property value, insurance, and mortgages.

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1 Because staff's job is focused on environmental issues,
2 I'd like to talk a little bit about wildlife impacts
3 and whether or not the alleged impacts are likely to
4 be real. New York has about 10 million more acres of
5 forest today than they had in the 1940's. Our forest
6 had been cleared for agriculture, logging and for
7 hemlock to produce tannic acid for tanning. This was a
8 big tanning area. In the 1940's and early 1950's,
9 100,000 dairy farms, family farms went out of
10 business. And when they did, about 10 million acres
11 of land went foul. This area will revert over time
12 to forest, deciduous Northern hardwoods, and that
13 is what has happened since the 1940's. If you lived
14 here in the 1960's, you'll know that this area was
15 covered not only with forest but with brush. And
16 you can find that out if you'd like by going to the
17 NRCS and looking at old maps of this area. If you
18 were a deer hunter back then, you know that you used
19 Winchester model 94, a 30/30, and it was known as a
20 brush gun. A brush gun because that's what we had
21 here. Today we have pole timber. Succession has
22 moved forward. We no longer have the young stages.
23 And as a result, there are about 43 species of neo-
24 tropical songbirds that are at risk. We don't have
25 the meadow larks, the bobble links and the golden

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1 wing warblers that we once had simply because we
2 no longer have young forests. The relationship
3 between what I'm saying in the pipeline is that the
4 pipeline, not intentionally but as part of creating
5 a pipeline will clear some forest and cause us to go
6 back to the early successional stage. That is a stage
7 that is severely missing in our ecosystem. And as a
8 result going back to that stage, we'll have early
9 successional habitats for those species that require
10 it. We'll also have openings close to mature forests.
11 You say, "Well, gee, that might not be good." The truth
12 is, according to research by Dr. Scott Stolsen with the
13 U.S. Forest Service and with Cornell's Archeological
14 Lab, many of the interior bird species, some of the
15 thrushes, the scarlet tanager--
16 MR. MOONEYHAN: Finish your comments, sir.
17 MR. MIKE ZAGATA: Those species need
18 openings in close proximity so that they can eat up
19 fruits and insects before the migrate and create
20 ecological ecotomes of edge. Thank you.
21 MR. MOONEYHAN: Kathy Shimberg, IngreGrafe-
22 Kieklak, Russell Honicker?
23 MS. KATHY SHIMBERG: Hard to see with this
24 light here. My name is Kathy Shimberg, S-H-I-M-B-E-R-G.
25 I'm representing myself, although I'm active with Stop

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The commentor's statements in support of the proposed projects due to creation of successional habitats are noted.

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1 The Constitution Pipeline. I want to speak mainly about
2 the generic nature of mitigation. I have four pages here,
3 so I'm only going to excerpt things, but I will hand this
4 in. The draft EIS assess a potential -- no, I'm reading
5 from Kimberly Boces introductory cover letter when she
6 says the FERC staff concludes that approval of the
7 projects would have some adverse environmental
8 impacts. However, these would be reduced to less
9 than significant levels with implementation of
10 Constitution's and Iroquois' proposed mitigation
11 and additional measures recommended by the staff
12 in the draft EIS. I'm submitting this as an
13 intervener. My property is not directly on the
14 routes, but the pipeline will effect everybody in
15 this region, including me. Some of my friends live
16 along the routes. Some of my friends live in New
17 England where there are proposed connecting
18 pipelines, if this one gets built. We are aware of
19 the risks, dangers, sacrifices and irremediable
20 ruination in other areas which where this development
21 is taken and is currently taken place including in the
22 Northern Pennsylvania shale fields that would supply
23 the gas traveling through the proposed Constitution
24 pipeline under high pressure. The results of this
25 massive overdevelopment of fossil fuels also is

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See the response to comments LA1-4 regarding hydraulic fracturing. See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export.

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1 contributing to economic instability and inequality
2 in our country and the world today are appalling, and
3 are not beneficial to the public living here, not
4 necessarily for the company producers of the gas, nor
5 the recipients of their products in order to transport
6 the gas to ocean or other ports for export under the
7 guise of delivering gas purportedly to domestic
8 markets in New England and Downstate New York
9 in vines, or even if it does get delivered there.

PM2-10

10 Anyone who has been paying attention to the news
11 reports in the last few years or has done research
12 going back a couple of decades knows that the two
13 company's, Williams and Cabot, among several others,
14 have an egregious record of accidents, oversights and
15 falsifications of safety. Just within the last week

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16 there was another explosion at one of the Williams'
17 facilities, and LNG storage facility in the state
18 of Washington that had recently been inspected and
19 declared safe. There's a lot more that I'm omitting
20 here, but I'll turn it in. No amount of money can,
21 quote, mitigate destruction of individual properties,
22 lives, and livelihoods by contamination--

23 MR. MOONEYHAY: Time.

24 MS. KATHY SHIMBERG: I will turn the rest in.

25 Thank you.

PM2-10 See response to comment CO47-1.

PM2-11 See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety.

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1 MR. MOONEYHAN: IngeGrafe-Kieklak, Russel

2 Honicker, Hazen Reed?

3 MS. INGEGRAFE-KIEKLAK: My name is Ingegrafe-

4 Kieklak, I-N-G-E-G-R-A-F-E K-I-E-K-L-A-K. I'm a member

PM2-12 | 5 of JLCNY and a landowner, and I'm for the development
6 of natural gas and the infrastructure that goes with
7 it. This pipeline is vital for the area, for the area.

8 We all need lower taxes and the possibility to

9 find work in this region. New York State is the 50th

10 state in business -- and according to Governor Cuomo,

11 Cuomo says New York is open for business. So let's

12 start this pipeline. We do not need for obstructions.

13 We need help for Upstate New York and this country. We

14 have to get our own energy and the infrastructure that

15 goes with it. New York City is converting more and

16 more heating units to natural gas. Where should it

17 come from and how? We have two options; by rail or

18 pipeline. Which is safer? I opt for the pipeline, and

19 I think reasonable people do the same. The reasonable

20 people have to raise their voices and stop the few

21 scare mongers which lots of money from the 1 percent

22 behind them and do what is good -- would you stop them

23 please?

24 MR. BOWMAN: Please don't interrupt.

25 MALE: Restart her time.

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The commentator's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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1 MS. INGEGRAFE-KIEKLAK: And do what's good
2 for this country, not for the 1 percent who try to keep
3 Upstate as a playground for the rich and famous. For
4 who the so-called environmentalists are useful idiots
5 to do their dirty work. Thank you.

6 MR. MOONEYHAN: Russell Honicker, Hazen
7 Reed, Andrew Storno?

8 MR. RUSSELL HONICKER: My name is Russell
9 Honicker, H-O-N-I-C-K-E-R. As you, yourself, said, the
10 five people who make a final decision are presidential
11 appointees and rates and markets, politics make the final

PM2-13 12 decision. Know this, in the last few days this city has
13 had their elected officials ban fracking. 75 percent of
14 the landowners in Delaware County along this route refuse
15 to cooperate with the pipeline companies. Village after
16 village near here has said no and has changed their land
17 use laws to ban fracking. Politically, people here will
18 fight this tooth and nail. If this were an environmental
19 decision, there would be no question. This would not be
20 considered. Just as nuclear plants would not be permitted
21 on earthquake sites or anywhere else for that matter. We
22 understand FERC is a sham. We understand that. But the
23 political appointees, perhaps, do not understand that
24 opposition here is educated, and we will fight. We have
25 changed the laws to stop it the best we can. And just

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See the response to comments LA1-4 regarding hydraulic
fracturing. See the response to comment FA5-1 regarding survey
permission. The commentor's opposition is noted.

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1 as I was a journalist in North Carolina where the
2 Federal Government was building -- had planned to build
3 a nuclear waste repository, people there said they
4 would stop it at all costs. It is the same here. The
5 people will stop it at all costs, and politically that
6 will not look good for the presidential appointees or
7 the President.

8 MR. MOONEYHAN: Hazen Reed, Andrew Storno,
9 Jerry Ackerley.

10 MR. HAZEN REED: My name is Hazen Reed. I
11 represent myself and StopThePipeline.org. The DEIS states
12 the environmental consequences of constructing and
13 operating the projects would vary in duration and
14 significance. You identify four levels of impact;
15 temporary, short term, long term and permanent. You
16 further define that temporary impacts generally occur
17 During construction with the resource returning to --
18 and get this important part here -- preconstruction
19 condition almost immediately afterward. Short term
20 impacts are defined by taking up to three years post
21 constructions. Impacts considered beyond that are long
22 term and permanent impacts could occur as a result of
23 any activity that modifies a resource to the extent that
24 it could not be returned to preconstruction status.
25 While job creation is suggested to be one of the big

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PM2-14 1 selling points for this project and the associated
2 industrialization and build out around fracking --
3 because, remember, pipelines do equal fracking -- history
4 tells us that more jobs are lost than created long term
5 as a result of these types of boom bust projects.

PM2-15 6 Numerous studies dating back decades have shown that
7 employment, and specifically blue collar employment
8 opportunities, offered are short term contract jobs only.
9 And these are primarily non-local jobs. Just talk to
10 PA and see the Oklahoma and Texas license plates in
11 the area hotels. They're not coming for the weather,
12 folks. And there are the so-called local jobs multiplier
13 effect which could lead to modest job increases, non-
14 project related; but Constitution has suggested that for
15 every local job created, we might get one half of one
16 full time equivalent job here, in retail and possible
17 in other sectors. These nice spillover effects become
18 more pronounced during the bust periods when studies
19 have shown that temporary jobs finish up, non-project
20 jobs lose at a higher rate, three to one more history.
21 Meaning that for every job project worker leaving, three
22 non-project jobs are also terminated. So while
23 Constitution suggest that 300 local jobs might be created
24 and 200 possible non-project jobs might be created --
25 during the bust, not all of those jobs will be

PM2-14 See the responses to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

PM2-15 See the response to comment IND205-1 regarding jobs.

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1 significantly created -- you will think find it hard to
2 find work here with the unemployment rate below those
3 three to one rates. So, friends, do not be misled by
4 promises of riches in jobs. History will repeat here.
5 Like almost everywhere else, this type of build out
6 has occurred temporary jobs--

7 MR. MOONEYHAN: Finish your comments, sir.

8 MR. HAZEN REED: --will be given non-local
9 worker, while local workers clean up their mess and then
10 get fired at three times the rate of local projects
11 stealing hundreds of local residents property and
12 destroying their dreams for a boom bust cycle that
13 leaves 12 jobs, as you've identified them, as a greater
14 unemployment that we have now is a permanent impact that
15 would not return this to a preconstruction during the
16 lifetime of this project.

17 MR. BOWMAN: We're getting your comments
18 on the record by getting your comments transcribed by the
19 court reporter. If you continue to interrupt the person
20 speaking, your comments are not going to be accurately
21 transcribed. They don't get into the record, there's no
22 point in having this meeting because we cannot have them
23 places in there accurately. So I want to reiterate, if
24 we continue to have interruptions, we may have to conclude
25 the meeting early. We do have other methods of taking

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1 your comments. There is our eSubscription service
2 online and can either be mailed in or that can be left
3 with us. This is going to be my first warning that we
4 can end the meeting early. So please do not continue
5 to interrupt the speaker who has the floor. Additionally,
6 Doug has got a good watch. He can take a three minutes.
7 Please do not call out that speaker's time has expired.
8 WE will call when that time is up.

9 MR. MOONEYHAN: Andrew Storno, Jerry
10 Ackerley, Eugene Mirner?

11 MR. ANDREW STORNO: Thank you. My name is
12 Andrew Storno, S-T-O-R-N-O. I'm an operating engineer.

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13 I'm a business agent with Local 825. I support the draft
14 environmental impact statement as it fairly addresses
15 all the issues presented by 124 mile long refill pipeline
16 project. I have a hunting and fishing camp in Delaware
17 County for several years, and I'm confident that the
18 mitigation measures taken by the Constitutional pipeline
19 with both protect the environment and help our economy.
20 This project is much needed for low cost gas to benefit
21 all of us. Job economy, the creation of 1300 jobs.
22 Local 825 has hundreds of certified operators with
23 several that reside in Delaware County. Members that
24 work in quarries, concrete plants live in the area that
25 their families will benefit from this project as well.

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The commentor's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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PM2-17	1 The Constitutional pipeline will generate amount of tax
	2 revenue for the counties, towns, school districts that
	3 have been financially stressed. WE all need balance.
	4 May our children may want to still live here. Why
	5 should they travel for work? WE need goo paying jobs
	6 now, low cost gas in the New York State market to benefit
	7 our homeowners and commercial customers, for more good
	8 paying jobs so all of us can pay our bills. There will 11
	9 be a tremendous spinoff of impacts that benefit local
	10 merchants, hotels, restaurants and suppliers. Again,
	11 I thank you for the time standing up here, and I support
	12 this project.
	13 MR. MOONEYHAN: Jerry Ackerley, Eugene
	14 Mirner, Linda Bevilacqua?
	15 MR. JERRY ACKERLEY: My name is Jerry
	16 Ackerley, A-C-K-E-R-L-E-Y. I support this project.
	17 I'm an operate engineer of Local 825. I've worked on
	18 several pipeline projects, and I know how they work.
	19 And I rest assure that that they are within FERC
	20 guidelines, and everything to protect the environment
	21 that can be done is done. And it doesn't matter. There
	22 is no exceptions, no excuses. If you get caught not
	23 protecting the environment, you're making a mistake,
	24 you're down the road. I grew up in Delaware County in
	25 Roscoe, Trout Town USA, where they stock all the fish

PM2-17 The commentor’s statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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1 because there's no natural fish there anymore. I
2 love Delaware County. I hunt Delaware County. I live
3 in Delaware County. I do nothing to jeopardize Delaware
4 County. But there's nothing here for us. I see a lot of
5 young people here, which is great. A lot of young people
6 want to work. I see a lot of old people here, which is
7 great too. You guys are already retired. You did your
8 work. You got your money. Don't stop us from doing
9 what we have to do, and don't stop the prospects of
10 what natural gas can mean to our community. Thank you
11 very much.

12 MR. MOONEYHAN: Eugene Mirner, Linda
13 Bevilacqua, Thomas Collier?

14 MR. EUGENE MIRNER: My name is Eugene
15 Mirner. I'm from Franklin, New York. I'm a landowner.

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16 Mirner, M-I-R-N-E-R. According to Webster's New
17 International Dictionary, mitigate means to make or
18 become less severe, violent, fierce, cruel, intense
19 harsh, rigorous, painful. The words mitigate or
20 mitigation appear on almost every page of the DEIS.
21 It is, however, a deceptive or well end use of language.
22 That's because the multitude of harm is that this
23 proposed pipeline will caused cannot be mitigated.
24 Every time the DEIS uses the word mitigation, it
25 described the fantasy about how to turn a great evil

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See the response to comment IND271-1 regarding mitigation.

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PM2-18 cont'd	1 into a fixable inconvenience. That's false. The 2 proposal to build this pipeline advocates the 3 destruction of irreplaceable agricultural lands, 4 wetlands, forests, habitats and aquifers. None of that 5 can be mitigated. Perhaps some regulatory agency will
PM2-19	6 allow the pipeline coming in to approve a wetland in 7 some other county or state and claim that the harm is 8 mitigated. But it is not mitigated. Not for the real 9 life central New York landowner whose life and home and 10 property are ruined and made worthless. This is a theft 11 of private property, not for public good but for corporate 12 profits. Once upon a time the Williams' Website used to
PM2-20	13 proclaim that the pipeline would enable access to the 14 Marsalis and Utica shales that lie under its route. When 15 fracking follows the pipeline, the health impacts will be 16 the same as everywhere else that fracking has been used, 17 including elevated rates of cancers, birth defects, asthma 18 and death. The murder of innocence cannot be mitigated 19 but must be punished. How do you mitigate the losses
PM2-21	20 of property owners who have made their lives in a rural 21 agricultural area and are going to see it transformed 22 into an industrial zone with a potentially explosive 23 pipeline running through it? How do you compensate
PM2-22	24 them for being unable to sell their properties because 25 no institution will give a mortgage on a property with

PM2-19	The commentor's statement regarding wetland mitigation is noted. See the response to comment FA4-28 regarding wetland mitigation. See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding public need. See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain.
PM2-20	The commentor's statements regarding the health impacts of hydraulic fracturing are noted. See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.
PM2-21	See the response to comment CO41-23 regarding industrialization.
PM2-22	See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values, mortgages, and insurance.

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PM2-22 cont'd	1 a pipeline? There's no mitigation here, only exploitation
	2 and deception. Just yesterday there was a huge explosion
PM2-23	3 at a Williams gas facility in the State of Washington, a
	4 pipeline break and gas leak. Residents were evacuated in
	5 a two mile radius. That's because they were in danger.
	6 How do you mitigate the fear and uncertainty of residents
	7 who must now live forever with the threat of a pipeline
	8 explosion? Finally, I'd like to ask how do you propose
PM2-24	9 the mitigate the destruction of a livable planet by
	10 enabling additional fossil fuels to be burned? Two weeks
	11 ago the American Association for the Advancement of
	12 Science issued a report warning that the rate of climate
	13 change now may be as fast as any extended warming period
	14 over the past 65 million years and is projected to
	15 accelerate in the coming decades. There was a risk
	16 added of abrupt, unpredictable and potentially
	17 irreversible changes in the earth's climate system with
	18 massively disruptive impacts, including the possible
	19 large scale collapse of the Antarctica and Greenland
	20 ice sheets, collapse in part of the Gulf stream, loss
	21 of the Amazon Rainforest, die--
	22 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please conclude your
	23 comments, sir.
	24 MR. EUGENE MIRNER: The scientific
	25 evidence is in. We must stop contemplating further

PM2-23 The commentor's statements regarding fear of explosion are noted. See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety.

PM2-24 See the response to comment SA6-1 regarding climate change. Section 3.1.2.3 of the EIS provides a discussion of renewable energy. The commentor's statements in opposition of the proposed projects are noted.

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PM2-24 cont'd	<p>1 fossil fuel projects. It cannot be mitigated, and it</p> <p>2 must be ended.</p> <p>3 MR. MOONEYHAN: Linda Bevilacqua, Thomas</p> <p>4 Collier, Kenneth Williams?</p> <p>5 MS. LINDA BEVILACQUA: My name is Linda</p> <p>6 Bevilacqua, B as in boy, E, V as in Victor, I-L-A-C-Q-U-A.</p> <p>7 I live in Franklin. The fellows in the orange shirts</p> <p>8 aren't going to like what I have to say, but here it goes.</p> <p>9 My husband, myself and our children moved here from Long</p> <p>10 Island 19 years ago and bought a dairy farm. As it didn't</p> <p>11 work out, my husband was forced to go back to New York</p> <p>12 City to work in construction in the union and commute</p> <p>13 back and forth here for 17 years while I stayed here with</p> <p>14 our children and ran a small farm. If you want to make</p> <p>15 a decent living, and especially in construction, Upstate</p> <p>16 New York is not the place to live. I have four children,</p> <p>17 and they have all decided to stay here in the area, even</p> <p>18 though I've encouraged them to leave the area for higher</p> <p>19 wages. Construction jobs are not here. Whenever I ask</p> <p>20 people who originate from here why they never left, the</p> <p>21 majority of them show a disdain for the city and the</p> <p>22 lifestyles of it, and they don't want to leave the families</p> <p>23 that they have here. What do you think it's going to be</p> <p>24 like living here if the pipeline is approved with noise,</p> <p>25 fumes, traffic, construction, pollution, etc? Your</p>
PM2-25	

PM2-25 Sensitive resources, as well as potential impacts and mitigation, are discussed in the EIS for noise (section 4.11.2), traffic (section 4.9.4), and air quality (section 4.11.1). The commentor's opposition is noted.

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1 serenity will be gone. We left Long Island because of
2 pollution, crime and high cost of living. We have, aside
3 from our family, no family here. There are always trade-
4 offs in life. Please keep the area rural with its peace
5 and quiet. Keep the pipeline out of here.

6 MR. MOONEYHAN: Thomas Collier, Kenneth
7 Williams, Joan Tubridy?

8 MR. THOMAS COLLIER: My name is Thomas
9 Collier, C-O-L-L-I-E-R. Last night in Richmondville,
10 a gentleman merchant spoke about our need to find
11 common ground. I agree. But search for what is our
12 common ground. I remembered when I shared many things
13 in common with others. We all lived intentional
14 community. We shared the land in common, like mindedness,
15 right location and honest work ethics, and we shared life
16 experiences. I thought that that was what we who were
17 in that auditorium last night shared also. We share
18 common ground literally in our intent to live on this
19 ground in this community with respect and stewardship
20 of our land. WE share belief in right location and
21 honest work ethics. Farmers, teachers, skilled and
22 unskilled workers. I am a member of a union family.
23 My father was a steward in the IBBW. My mother, my
24 wife, my brother, my sister are all members of the
25 New York State Teacher's Association. We all share

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1 the land as owners and its beauty that we enjoy and
2 respect and love. One more thing we share in common,
3 we are all people in this meeting room. What was
4 missing last night was a person, in quotes, who was
5 not in that room. It was the Constitution Pipeline
6 Corporation. It does not want to join or share along
7 in our community that wants to buy 124 mile by 110 foot
8 strip of land through all of our communities. There you
9 have it. Communities versus corporations. The
10 corporation. Google it. Watch the movie. Decide where
11 you stand and work and live. This is our common ground.
12 This is our community. And thank you all very much.

13 MR. MOONEYHAN: Kenneth Williams, Joan
14 Tubridy, Rodney Gould?

15 MR. KENNETH WILLIAMS: Good evening. I'm
16 Kenneth Williams, W-I-L-L-I-A-M-S. We bought our family
17 in 1963. In 1968 Texas Hetrick built a pipeline diagonally
18 through our farm, 640 acres. My mother milked 50 head
19 of cows and took care of young stock. She did it so
20 well that it made the local kids jealous. She gave
21 all the babies the best care that she could possibly
22 give. She looked out for the young. Dad went to many
23 colleges for mechanical, civil aeronautical engineering.
24 Nothing
25 gets by him. Mom and dad approve of our pipeline. I

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The commentator's statements regarding communities and corporations are noted.

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1 traveled for many years in construction, including the
2 Trans Alaska pipeline where I was involved in drilling
3 compressing, pumping natural gas and oil with a General
4 12 Electric turbine we have sold in Prudhoe Bay. I'm an
5 13 environmentalist. I've worked with the Sierra Club,
6 14 Audubon, Green Peace. I'm also a member of the New York
7 15 State Chestnut Foundation. I've studied soils, erosion,
8 16 runoff, hydrology and many CT protocols. The earth is
9 mine to protect for coming generations. I detest GMOC's.
10 I think GMO means generate more obituaries. I'm an
11 advocate of natural organic medicine, not chemical
12 capitalism. I'm a steward of the land, the forest and
13 the air. I avoid opinions. I prefer educated,
14 evidentiary facts, linear logic supported by verifiable
15 science. The pipeline right a way cleared is a great
16 way to observe wildlife, turkeys, deer and the bald
17 eagle on our property. The pipeline is the safest
18 way to transport energy. Compressed natural gas can
19 lessen our carbon footprint by up to 80 percent. I
20 respect all anti-gas advocates, especially the ones
21 dressed in animal hides, riding a horse, living in a cave
22 without electricity. The rest of them are hypocrites. Look
23 it up. I built my house for my family and three boys with
24 a pipeline in my front yard. I've lived there for 40
25 years. The pipeline is a quiet neighbor roomed by

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1 courtesy gentlemen. My children like them. A friend
2 of mine built a pigpen on the pipeline. The pipeline
3 personnel helped her to move it and installed the pig
4 fence for her prized pigs. Will your neighbor do that?
5 I only hope your neighbors learn from my neighbors how
6 to be as neighborly as the pipeline can be. A pipeline
7 will lower New York State's energy costs, reduce electric
8 bills, lower the home heating costs, costs less for our
9 taxes by lowering the heating and energy costs at our
10 schools. The biggest benefit of safe, compressed
11 natural gas will provide to you is this: you will hug
12 and see your children instead of all them once a week
13 on the telephone in a state where they got a smart
14 job that has natural gas. 1000 families a day live in
15 New York because of Albany's lack of intelligent

PM2-27 | 16 decisions. Let's come together for the children and
17 build this pipeline.

18 MR. MAHOONEY: Joan Tubridy, Rodney
19 Gould, William Turick?

20 MR. BOWMAN: Before you, sir, try and
21 help you out so you understand how much time you have
22 left. Doug's going to give a 20 second warning and
23 then after two minutes and 40 seconds and then after
24 that 20 seconds has elapsed you'll be alerted that
25 your time has expired. You can go ahead.

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The commentator's statements in support of the proposed projects are noted.

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1 MS. JOAN TUBRIDY: Joan Tubridy,
2 T-U-B-R-I-D-Y. I'm an elementary teacher, former
3 farmer, and I guess I'm one of the rich and famous, so
4 I was cleaning my chainsaw just before I came tonight
5 to cut firewood. I'm here to talk about jobs. Everyone
6 knows we need jobs. Constitution has promoted the
7 benefits of creating 1300 jobs. So a closer look reveals
8 that only half will be in-state, including Pennsylvania,
9 and only half of those are 325 eight month jobs from the
10 five impacted counties. This might mean 65 very temporary
11 jobs to each of the counties along the route. Bear in
12 mind these jobs are created through the theft of your
13 neighbor's property. Of course, Constitution doesn't
14 have to be concerned of that because they're not our
15 neighbors. In fact, they're happy to frack our
16 neighbors in Pennsylvania to swell their bottom line
17 by shipping gas through our region to urban centers,
18 coastline Canada and beyond. Nothing neighborly about
19 that. Let's focus on other jobs that are sustainable,
20 enduring and community based, many of which will be
21 threatened with the pipeline and the fracking that's
22 sure to follow us forward. Stores that serve -- I'm
23 sorry. Local people know that the multiplier effect
24 of buying local generates a far greater local circulation
25 of revenues. The promise of cheap gas for our homes

PM2-28

See the response to comment IND205-1 regarding jobs. See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain. Potential impacts and mitigation on tourism are discussed in the EIS in section 4.9.2. See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

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1 and communities not only diverts attention and funding
2 from renewable energy initiatives and jobs for those
3 being trained in the installation of these systems,
4 such as SUNY Delhi's programs, but it's also a false
5 promise. How long before cheap gas becomes expensive
6 gas due to competition from global markets? After all,
7 both Iroquois and Tennessee Gas pipelines slated to
8 connected with the Constitution's Schoharie Counties.
9 And Schoharie County has published plans to export this
10 gas North to Canada and East to Atlantic Canada. Energy
11 independence or energy to the highest bidder? While
12 taxes collected from the pipeline for local counties have
13 been highlighted by performance of this project, the
14 offset of property devaluation and reduced revenues from
15 landowners grieving the devaluation of their property,
16 local assessors have not been considered. Back to jobs.

PM2-29

17 According to FERC's strategic plan, your job is to ensure
18 reliable, efficient, sustainable energy for consumers by,
19 among others, promoting the development of safe, reliable
20 and efficient energy infrastructure. FERC recognizes the
21 potential of electricity generated from renewable's as
22 cost effective means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions
23 by allowing these renewable's to compete on level playing
24 field through changes in their policies. Your long term
25 goals are to allow reported resources to compete to be

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Section 3.1.2.3 of the EIS provides a discussion of renewable energy.

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1 explored and to be implemented. But time is short, and
2 long term goals must become short term goals. That is
3 your job, one that is, in light of this week's report
4 from intergovernmental and climate change makes business
5 as usual--

6 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please conclude your
7 comments, ma'am.

8 MS. JOAN TUBRIDY: We need a reversal from
9 business as usual. We have a closing window of
10 opportunity, and you have choices to make. Please act
11 now.

12 MR. MOONEYHAN: Rodney Gould, William
13 Turick, Stan Sielicki?

14 MR. RODNEY GOULD: My name is Rodney
15 Gould, G-O-U-L-D. For over five years now, New York
16 State has been debating the benefits of natural gas.
17 I've been to too many meetings exactly like this one
18 tonight and witnessed the best and the worst of human
19 behavior. One aspect of this debate consistently
20 occurs. Those who support gas but have too much fear to
21 speak in front of a crowd. The farmer who leases my
22 fields is a prime example. He directly told me he would
23 rather cut off his arm than to come up here to speak. I
24 would like to speak for them tonight, also, as their
25 voices are never heard. Natural gas has far reaching

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1 implications for the United States, from the local level
2 to the state and national and international level. Just
3 recently the news has been full of global warming. In
4 2007 they said it was imminent. They say it is now here.
5 In New York State we have seen the lowest amount of
6 emissions in years. The reason, natural gas. Our
7 economy is slowly gaining ground in parts of the United
8 States, and several news reports have credited, guess
9 what, natural gas. New York State continues to struggle
10 with a significant teacher layoff. Townsville just
11 finding they don't have enough income stream to meet
12 their budget needs and businesses that are moving to
13 other states with better opportunities. The answer,
14 natural gas. I can remember the 1970's when we had
15 gas rationing and long lines waiting at gas stations
16 to fill your cars. We have the opportunity to be
17 energy independent from the Middle East. How? Natural
18 gas. The Constitution pipeline will bring natural gas
19 into the local area. It was one of the reasons that
20 Amphenol agreed to stay in your state. I don't know
21 how the rest of you feel. But let's keep Amphenol here
22 where they can realize the benefits of cheap energy.
23 Unadilla has signed a franchise to bring natural gas into
24 their community benefiting those who can no longer afford
25 the high cost of propane or fuel oil. While alternative

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PM2-30	1 energies need to be explored and developed, it is natural
	2 gas that will give us the time needed to make them
	3 viable. I fully support the Constitution pipeline and
	4 hope that my voice will be heard along with those who
	5 support it with speed. Thank you.
PM2-31	6 MR. MOONEYHAN: William Turick, Stan Sielicki,
	7 Victor Furman:
	8 MR. WILLIAM TURCIK: William Turick,
	9 T-U-R-I-C-K. My wife and I live in East Meredith, about
	10 a half mile away from the proposed Constitution
PM2-32	11 pipeline. We oppose the construction of the pipeline.
	12 We've reviewed the DEIS and are concerned about
	13 environmental and socioeconomic issues that have not
	14 been adequately addressed. The DEIS acknowledges that
	15 damage to the environment is inevitable and asserts that
PM2-33	16 the Constitution can mitigate these damages but without
	17 specifically specifying exactly how. Therefore, the DEIS
	18 is incomplete. The DEIS does not specify which
	19 regulatory agency are responsible for oversight and
	20 compliance of what regulations are in place to ensure
	21 that inspections are conducted before, during and after
	22 construction. In addition, it does not indicate how
	23 budgets will be increased. We're sure that there is
	24 money to hire additional staff to inspect the pipeline
	25 and investigate complaints. Accordingly, the DEIS offers

PM2-30	The commentor's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.
PM2-31	The commentor's statements in opposition to the proposed projects are noted.
PM2-32	See response to comment LA7-2 regarding mitigation. See the response to comment FA1-1 regarding pending information.
PM2-33	See the response to comment FA4-12 regarding our third-party compliance monitoring program.

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1 little evidence that they will be an effective enforcement
2 mechanism in place to assure that the proposed mitigation
3 measures are carried out. Without regulatory assurance,
4 the mitigation suggestion may never to implemented.
5 Oversight will be weakened or even nonexistent and be
6 a classic example of the fox guarding the henhouse.

PM2-34

7 Property values and mortgages, there will be significant
8 decrease in property values. FERC cites three examples
9 of pipelines not affecting property values. These examples
10 were in Oregon, Washington and Arizona, 3000 miles away.
11 In the East, we have many different concerns and
12 mindsets. And these risks will hinder the sale of the
13 property since potential landowners may not be able to
14 obtain a mortgage and assurance if the property has
15 an easement or a gas line on it. The DEIS highlights
16 a state and local governments who benefit by the
17 pipeline. However, the DEIS does not consider loss of
18 tax revenue due to the decreased property values. It
19 does not acknowledge that a pipeline can influence a
20 buyer's decision to purchase a property or that the
21 buyer may subsequently decide to purchase another
22 property. Obviously, FERC knows that no one wants to
23 be a seller of a property with a pipeline on it.
24 Insurance companies, DEIS does not adequately address
25 the ability of homeowners to maintain their insurance

PM2-34 See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values.

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1 at covered rates or to renew insurance coverages at
2 reasonable, not prohibited, rates. Nor does the DEIS
3 address how Constitution will compensate the landowner
4 for loss of insurance or an increase in insurance
5 premiums. Nationwide Insurance in 2012 indicated that
6 it will not insure properties with pipelines. Local
7 insurance companies have expressed the same concern.
8 The DEIS says that insurance coverage could be--

9 MR. MOONEYHAN: 40 seconds, please.

PM2-35

10 MR. WILLIAM TURICK: --effected. There are
11 numerous occasions in the DEIS that FERC recommends
12 actions and procedures Constitution should follow. This
13 should be required, not recommended. Thank you.

14 MR. MOONEYHAN: Stan Sielicki, Victor

15 Furman, Dan Fitzsimmons?

16 MR. STAN SIELICKI: Stand Sielicki,

17 S-I-E-L-I-C-K-I. I represent Triangle Area Landowners

PM2-36

18 Coalition. I am for construction of the Pipeline. In
19 keeping with FERC's responsibility to determine if the
20 proposed Constitution pipeline is in the public interest,
21 I stand before you to say that it is, emphatically. If
22 it is not in the public interest to supply New York City,
23 Boston and other parts of the Northeast with a cleaner
24 fuel source other than oil and coal for home heating and
25 electrical generation, I don't know what is. Is it not

PM2-35 See the response to comment LA10-1 regarding recommendations.

PM2-36 The commentor's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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1 in the public interest to create jobs and improve the
2 standard of living in this economically distressed
3 area? Is it not in the public interest to increase the
4 the tax base to pay for our schools and educate our
5 youth? There are approximately 1.8 million miles of
6 natural gas pipeline in the United States. There are
7 approximately 5,018 miles of pipeline in New York State
8 where the benefits of natural gas are realized and
9 hopefully not taken for granted. The proposed line
10 will be approximately 124 miles and will pass through
11 Brune, Chenango, Delaware, Schoharie Counties. Is
12 it fair or even reasonable to deny these residents the
13 opportunity for cleaner and lower cost fuel as others
14 in New York already receive? The Constitution pipeline
15 is a win/win situation. All of New York should avail
16 itself to the blessing and opportunity of this home
17 grown energy source. Thank you.

18 MR. MOONEYHAN: Victor Furman, Dan
19 Fitzsimmons, Phil Dobie?

20 MR. VICTOR FURMAN: Victor Furman,
21 V-I-C-T-O-R --F-U-R-M-A-N. Today we heard a lot about
22 the devaluation of land because of gas pipelines. In
23 Oxford, New York this week I heard testimony from a
24 real estate agent saying that an area where a ban was
25 put in place or on a lake was not selling the property

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1 between 800 and 1000 dollars an acre. Areas outside of
2 that band were getting between 2000 and 3000 dollars an
3 acre because the hope was still there that New York will
4 open up gas lines. WE heard that unemployment in New
5 York -- that these jobs are temporary. I'd like to submit
6 to you that a temporary job is better than no job at all.
7 The people who have the property to supply gas to the
8 cities and a lot of the pipelines across those
9 properties are doing the people themselves in the
10 whole state a favor. They're not being selfish.
11 They're not endangering their property for having a
12 pipeline on it. That's rubbish. It's pure rubbish. I
13 submit to you that the people here in orange today are
14 here to support American jobs, American fuel and American
15 liberties which are being taken away from us by people
16 who are against it who live in apartment buildings in
17 the city. Granted, there are some landowners who own
18 land that do not want gas drilling. That's true. But
19 most of the people that get is are the people that use
20 it. So I ask you to take those chairs and those tables
21 and put them all here at the front doors and have these
22 people that are against it come here and sign a paper
23 saying they want off the grid and they want off it
24 today. Thank you.

25 MR. MOONEYHAN: Dan Fitzsimmons, Phil Dobie,

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PM2-38	1 Ken Barton?
	2 MR. DAN FITZSIMMONS: Dan Fitzsimmons,
	3 F-I-T-Z-S-I-M-M-O-N-S, President of the Joint Landowners
	4 Coalition of New York. The Constitution pipeline will
	5 benefit the people of Upstate New York in many ways. Of
	6 course, we all know that it will provide jobs during the
	7 construction restoration phase. It will also help to
	8 maintain jobs as in the case of Amphenol in Sydney where
	9 it will provide cheaper and cleaner energy to an already
	10 major employer. The Constitution pipeline, once completed,
	11 will provide additional revenue in the form of school and
	12 property taxes to the school district, municipalities
	13 along the route of approximately \$13 million each and every
	14 year. We are all aware of the financial crisis facing our
	15 schools and municipalities. The plan path along the
	16 pipeline route are designed to allow gas to be distributed
	17 to municipalities along the route that presenting to not
	18 have natural gas. Will make it possible for lower energy
	19 cost, reduced carbon footprint for all Upstate New York
	20 residents. School districts and businesses, all these taps
	21 will help the public service commission fulfill their plans
	22 to make natural gas more available to New York State
	23 residents. Support the pipeline. Thank you.
	24 MR. MOONEYHAN: Phil Dobie, Ken Barton,
	25 Jim Thomson?

PM2-38

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1 MR. PHIL DOBIE: First of all, I'd like to
2 thank you for the opportunity to speak. You certainly
3 don't have an easy job. Phil Dobie, D-O-B-I-E. I'm a
4 retired operating engineer. Pipeline jobs, construction
5 road and everything gave me a good life and have given
6 me and my family a real nice retirement at no cost to
7 the government, state or federal. One thing that has
8 not been mentioned that I think of is if this pipeline
9 does not go -- New York already has a reputation of one
10 of the worst businesses run states in the Union. And
11 Governor Perry from Texas was in Manhattan just the
12 other day, I'd say a week or 10 days ago, and the question
13 was asked what he was doing here. He says you fish
14 where the fish are. I'm bringing businesses back to Texas.
15 He's already bought or brought seven businesses from
16 the Northeast to Texas and because cheap energy.
17 30 percent of all new businesses in the last five years
18 within the Lower 48 are all in Texas, started in Texas.
19 There's a reason for that and that's cheap energy. You
20 know people -- you talk about your land, you talk about
21 taxes. If businesses keep losing -- if the state keeps
22 losing the businesses at the rate we're doing, your
23 taxes are going to go right through your roof. You're
24 not going to be able to sell your property because
25 nobody is going to be able to afford to live here.

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	1 Your schools, look at the shapes they're in, and I don't
	2 mean physical building, but I'm talking about the
	3 salaries and things for the teachers. Drive these
	4 roads. My God, you may need a tank to get down some
	5 of these. We need to bring business back to New York.
	6 It gives us stable status base and brings more tax
	7 revenue to the state. It's obvious that the leadership
	8 in Albany is not doing their -- I won't say they're not
	9 doing their job, but they're not doing a very good job
	10 7 of bringing business in. It's up to the local
PM2-40	11 communities, in my mind, to make this happen. Thank
	12 you.
	13 MR. MOONEYHAN: Ken Barton, Jim Thomson,
	14 Bill Davis?
	15 MR. KEN BARTON: Good evening, everybody.
	16 My name is Ken Barton, B-A-R-T-O-N. I support the
	17 building of this pipeline. And a few things, I'm a
	18 landowner. I have a pipeline running through my farm
	19 right now. It actually increased the value of my land.
	20 My land went from \$2000 an acre up to \$5700 an acre
	21 because of that pipeline potential for the future, just
	22 so you know. I'm a member of the 158 operating engineers,
	23 and this pipeline will go through another section of my
	24 farm. So it's a good thing. We need jobs. My kids left
	25 because we don't have jobs. I have a kid living in

PM2-40 The commentor’s statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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	1 Virginia now, and that's really frustrating to me
	2 considering all the potential that we have right here.
	3 This is our future. This is needed. Natural gas would
	4 save New York State. I'm not saying fracking. I'm
	5 saying natural gas, the pipeline. Low energy for
	6 businesses means more businesses can come to our area.
	7 We kind of need it. We need a future. Right now we
	8 have none. Let's do something here. Let's create
	9 some jobs. Let's help the people. Let's help the
	10 schools. A lot of tax money here for our schools.
	11 Windsor, where I live, gets \$2 million a year from
	12 Williams Oil. That lowered our taxes. That helped us.
	13 All these other counties along this route will get
	14 supplements from the gas line. It will lower taxes.
	15 It will help the people. That's what we need. We need
	16 jobs. We need a future. Let's do this, people. Thank
	17 you.
	18 MR. MOONEYHAN: Jim Thomson, Bill Davis,
	19 Wes Gilliam?
	20 MR. JIM THOMSON: Jim Thomson, T-H-O-M-S-O-N.
PM2-41	21 I'm here tonight to represent the Board of Directors of
	22 the Delaware County Industrial Development Agency and
	23 would like to convey our strong support for this project.
	24 Over the years our economy has evolved from being local
	25 in scope to national and now to a global economy. The

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1 problem is that some areas of our country still have to
2 rely on oil and all of the problems associated with it
3 for our energy supply. The number of our communities do
4 not have access to the inexpensive, clean burning energy
5 that natural gas provides. Our local industries need
6 access to this energy supply in order to remain competitive
7 in the global economy that they are forced to compete in.
8 Our schools and institutions need access to this energy
9 supply in order to control their costs as compared to the
10 expense of burning oil. And virtually every business and
11 home can enjoy the benefits to their own budget and to the
12 environment that natural gas will provide. Our
13 municipalities and schools will not only save on expenses,
14 they will realize an influx from new revenue from taxes
15 paid by this entire project. This will, in turn, help
16 everybody's tax bill by reducing operating costs, as well
17 as increasing revenue. This is a true win/win situation.
18 We understand that there are concerns about the
19 construction of the pipeline but feel strongly that the
20 professional regulatory agencies will do the proper job
21 of protecting the environment and make sure we have a
22 safe and secure installation at the end of the day.
23 We have confidence in our regulators. The Delaware
24 County Industrial Development Agency supports this
25 project because we view it as an opportunity for several

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1 of our communities who do not currently have access to
2 natural gas to finally have that opportunity. This
3 project will spur creation of new jobs and retention of
4 existing jobs in the fortunate communities as well as
5 reduce heating costs and tax bills for all. It makes
6 sense for our businesses and institutions -- it makes no
7 sense for our businesses and institutions to burn
8 millions of gallons of expensive foreign oil when they
9 could have access to natural gas produced in a
10 neighboring state for a fraction of the cost. How many
11 manufacturing jobs could we create with this savings?
12 How many teachers can we retain? Let's view this project
13 as an economic development project that it truly is and
14 allow the professional regulators to do their job and
15 enjoy the many benefit this project can bring. Thank you.

16 MR. MOONEYHAN: Bill Davis, Wes Gilliam,
17 Eleanor Moriarty?

18 MR. BILL DAVIS: Good evening, everyone. My
19 name is Bill Davis. I live in Delaware County. I've been
20 on a lot of pipelines. I've put a lot of pipe in the
21 ground. And people talk about the environment and stuff.

PM2-42

22 I can tell you for a fact that they have inspectors on
23 that job that make sure that pipe is put in correctly
24 and safely. I also want to bring up something that, to
25 me, is more important is just the delivery of the fuel

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PM2-42 cont'd	<p>1 to a person's house is a lot safer and cheaper than to</p> <p>2 have oil delivered to your house. That's all I got to</p> <p>3 say, and I'm for the pipeline. Thank you.</p> <p>4 MR. MOONEYHAN: Wes Gilliam, Eleanor</p> <p>5 Moriarty, Suzy Winkler?</p> <p>6 MR. WES GILLIAM: My name is Wes Gilliam.</p> <p>7 I'm the program director of Catskill Mankeeper. Your</p> <p>8 Website has released -- or it reads, has released a draft</p>
PM2-43	<p>9 environmental impact statement. I stand here today to</p> <p>10 correct this misinformation. This is a partial draft,</p> <p>11 incomplete environmental impact statement. I testify</p> <p>12 here today officially to direct the Commission to</p> <p>13 reissue a revised draft environmental impact statement</p> <p>14 which includes documents such as, but not limited to,</p> <p>15 the upland forest mitigation plan, a back survey that</p> <p>16 includes the sections of New York, not just the sections</p> <p>17 of Pennsylvania as it stands today and a series of other</p> <p>18 documents and surveys that should accompany a document</p> <p>19 of this. How would a landowner who is facing their</p>
PM2-44	<p>20 land being taken by eminent domain and their forest</p> <p>21 clear cut without the needed information to comment</p> <p>22 in a setting like this? How can the landowner be</p>
PM2-45	<p>23 expected to do it in such a short timeframe for</p> <p>24 public comment when the New York State DEC is asking</p> <p>25 for an extension? The Environmental Protection Agency</p>

PM2-43	See response to comment FA1-1. See the response to comment CO41-19 regarding bat surveys.
PM2-44	See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain. See the response to comment FA6-6 regarding pending information.
PM2-45	See response to comment FA1-1 regarding extension of the comment period.

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1 is asked for an extension, and the Department of
2 Interior of Fish and Wildlife Service has asked for
3 an extension? Once all this information is released
4 and submitted to the public, you must submit a revised
5 draft environmental impact statement and an appropriate
6 comment period. And I suggest that FERC explains to

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7 these landowners who are facing their land taken by
8 an industry who is trying to pull the wool over New
9 Yorkers and especially bussed in union workers from
10 other parts of the state that this is about jobs. It's
11 not about jobs. It's about making profit off the
12 back of New York landowners for a few in the gas industry.
13 This is not a question of a pipeline. This is not a
14 question of individual landowners in their backyard.
15 This is a question as to whether FERC is going to allow
16 under the false pretense of public good a project that
17 will do the exact opposite. This is a part of a full
18 build out of infrastructure across this state and our
19 nation that will keep us addicted to fossil fuel which
20 is an outdated source of energy.

21 MR. MOONEYHAN: 40 seconds, please.

22 MR. WES GILLIHAM: Let's not cling to
23 an archaic, dead end, disastrous future with fossil
24 fuel. Let's look to the future and use the technology
25 that we have, that we know, to make an extreme

PM2-46 See the response to comment IND205-1 regarding jobs. Section 3.1.2.3 provides a discussion of renewable energy.

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1 transition -- I have 10 seconds, please. I will finish
2 by saying thank you, and I appreciate the need to move
3 forward, and I've been off the grid since 1984.

4 MR. MOONEYHAN: Eleanor Moriarty, Suzy
5 Winkler, John Leemann?

6 MS. ELEANOR MORIARTY: My name is Eleanor
7 Moriarty, M-O-R-I-A-R-T-Y. I'm a resident of Delaware
8 County and a taxpayer of Delaware County. I am also
9 second generation Irishman who has been a supporter of
10 unions all my life, and I've marched with Teamster in
11 New York City to save their jobs. All that adds up to

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12 R-E-S-P-E-C-T. I expect it. I have concerns about the
13 access roads that are going to built in Delaware County.
14 There are 18 that are planned permanent no access roads [18
15 and two temporary access roads. They will be ascending,
16 grading, widening accessing dirt roads, as well as
17 building a few new ones. I am wondering what's' going to
18 happen when the erosion occurs on these dirt roads and
19 how they will impact our public roads. And will that be
20 the responsibility of our highway departments for the
21 maintenance and to repair the damage? Under justification,
22 Constitution states, "the need for the location of the
23 access roads is to minimize impasssed wetlands. Minimize
24 is not specific to the proposed sites of each of these
25 wetland areas, as each wetland often has unique qualities

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See the response to comment LA1-1 regarding road repairs. Constitution would be required to install, monitor, and maintain erosion control devices along access roads. Many of the proposed access roads would be graveled (see appendix E of the EIS). Appendix E provides site specific information for each access road and the features it would cross.

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PM2-48	1 to it. There are only seven other proposed access roads 2 in Delaware County are classified as wetlands by the DEC, 3 which leaves the majority of impact wetlands will have no 4 regulatory protection due to size. CP has stated it will 5 use equipment such as mass and temporary bridge crossings 6 to reduce impass to wetlands without describing what 7 this equipment material will be made of or what type of 8 bridge crossing will be used. No specifics are stated 9 as to how the equipment will be cleaned or washed down 10 area to prevent transportation of evasive species from 11 one location to another. What chemicals and techniques 12 will be used to clean equipment? Nor have they stated PM2-49 13 how they would secure their equipment in these areas 14 from vandalism or the roads from ATV travel which would 15 create another aspect of erosion and ruts along with PM2-50 16 impacts into our wetlands. With the Karst, what is the 17 schedule of maintenance for operational access by 18 Constitution, and what are the techniques of the 19 frequency and the techniques of their maintenance 20 schedules? But most -- the two parcels I'm particularly PM2-51 21 concerned about is PAR, permanent access road, 46 and 47. 22 One is it being a designed road and the other one is 23 a dust-top analysis. These two roads are going to be 24 either coming terribly close or on the Franklin Mountain 25 Sanctuary which is a hundred acre sanctuary--

PM2-48 As stated in section 2.3.2.2 of the EIS, bridges may include clean rock fill over culverts, equipment pads supported by flumes, railcar flatbeds, flexi-float apparatus, and other types of spans. As stated in section 4.4.3 of the EIS, timber mats would be used in wetlands. See the response to comment CO41-75 regarding cleaning of equipment.

PM2-49 See the response to comment IND103-4.

PM2-50 See the response to comment IND103-5.

PM2-51 See the response to comment IND103-6.

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PM2-51 con'td	<p>1 MR. MOONEYHAN: Finish your comments, please.</p> <p>2 MS. ELEANOR MORIARTY: It is a major</p> <p>3 migratory road for hawks, raptors and golden eagles. There</p> <p>4 is no good mitigation going on. They're horrible</p> <p>5 mitigation policies in the CETEIS. And I cannot believe</p> <p>6 that you even have submitted it for review.</p> <p>7 MR. MOONEYHAN: Suzy Winkler, John Leemann,</p> <p>8 Nick Hoffman?</p> <p>9 MS. SUZY WINKLER: Suzy Winkler, Burlington,</p>
PM2-52	<p>10 New York. We've been told that the proposed pipeline is</p> <p>11 solely a delivery system intended to bring gas to market</p> <p>12 from Pennsylvania. But even though it's an open access</p> <p>13 project, it will not promote shale gas extraction along</p> <p>14 the corridor. I don't believe that's true. I think</p> <p>15 the path carved out by Cabot Williams when the route</p> <p>16 was born was intentionally designed in its entirety to</p> <p>17 wind its way through communities that are not protected</p> <p>18 by bans against shale gas abstraction and through towns</p> <p>19 that are not inside the boundaries of a protected</p> <p>20 watershed system. Surely it's not a coincidence that no</p> <p>21 town through which the pipeline would pass is protected</p> <p>22 by unruly or a watershed boundary. Just the opposite. This</p> <p>23 is an example of a cynical, clever and well crafted plan</p> <p>24 targeted at those towns vulnerable to industrial</p> <p>25 build out and whose local governments lack the political</p>

PM2-52 See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing. See the response to comment CO41-23 regarding industrialization.

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PM2-52 cont'd	<p>1 will to fight such an onslaught. And for what purpose</p> <p>2 would such a route be so designed if it were not</p> <p>3 anticipating the acceptance of gas into its line? At</p> <p>4 some point in the future when the market price is right,</p> <p>5 our nation's dependency on fossil fuels will make</p> <p>6 fracking here very appealing to wildcatters, no matter</p> <p>7 how small the targeted shale. I think it's disingenuous</p> <p>8 and unethical to allow the Constitution project to be</p> <p>9 segmented and their application to move forward while</p> <p>10 representing the purpose only as a delivery system. I</p> <p>11 know this pipeline is a gas -- is a way for gas industry</p> <p>12 to get their foot in the door for environmental develop --</p> <p>13 I'm sorry -- industrial development and will, without</p>
PM2-53	<p>14 question, be a liability in the Southern tier. It will</p> <p>15 decrease the value of our agricultural landscape, our</p> <p>16 farms, our tourist trade and our homes. As for jobs,</p>
PM2-54	<p>17 the mantra parade around the Constitution PR machines,</p> <p>18 it's a hollow one intended to gloss over the downsize</p> <p>19 of industrialization and bait folks living in</p> <p>20 communities along the corridor into supporting the</p> <p>21 project. Folks who genuinely are looking for a way</p> <p>22 to earn a decent day's pay should not be exploited</p> <p>23 by false hopes of local long term job creation. I</p> <p>24 urge FERC to redirect Constitution and require that</p> <p>25 the revised DEIS include a thorough and honest</p>

- PM2-53 See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values. See the response to comment IND297-3 regarding agricultural lands. As stated in section 4.9.2 of the EIS, the impacts on tourism due to construction of the proposed pipeline are expected to be minimal.
- PM2-54 See the response to comment IND205-1 regarding jobs.

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PM2-55	<p>1 analysis of the projects impacts, including those from</p> <p>2 shale extraction and all environmental leak, degrading,</p> <p>3 ancillary activities that will follow if the pipeline</p> <p>4 is built. Thank you.</p> <p>5 MR. MOONEYHAN: John Leemann, Nick Hoffman,</p> <p>6 Rebekah Schecter?</p> <p>7 MR. JOHN LEEMANN: Hi, everyone. I'm John</p> <p>8 Leemann, L-E-E-M-A-N-N. I'm with the Operating Engineers</p> <p>9 Local 158. I just want to bring up a few things. I</p> <p>10 know -- obviously I'm for the pipeline, in case anyone</p> <p>11 couldn't figure that one out. But I know we face an</p> <p>12 educated opposition. I heard that tonight. And I wanted</p> <p>13 to talk about this is an environmental deal, so I want</p> <p>14 to kind of talk about some of the environmental things</p> <p>15 that we do. I worked with the Army Corp of Engineers at</p> <p>16 Fort Drum for the past 10 years. I've worked right hand</p> <p>17 in hand with them. I've worked with the New York State</p> <p>18 DEC on these types of projects in dealing with our</p> <p>19 slit plans and going to the classes. And I don't</p> <p>20 think a lot of people realize what the management end</p> <p>21 of the job has to go through to even be involved</p> <p>22 in these projects. We can't even do these projects</p> <p>23 if we don't go to the saw and water -- our storm, water</p> <p>24 management classes that the nearest state DEC puts on</p> <p>25 They require people to be there on site. There's a</p>

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See the response to comment FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing. Section 4.12 of the EIS provides a discussion of pipeline leaks. See the response to comment FA4-2 regarding expansion.
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1 daily checklist that's done on any type of storm,
2 water management stuff that goes on on these job sites.
3 And if you're going to call yourself educated about
4 this stuff, you have to kind of get out on the field
5 and see how it actually works. We've all been there.
6 We know what it is. And I think -- you know I went to
7 college for engineering. I understand what they
8 taught me in the classroom, but I had to get out into
9 the field and see it. So we're going to trust your
10 judgment on this. We want this project to go forward.
11 That's all I got.

12 MR. MOONEYHAN: Nick Hoffman, Rebekah
13 Schechter, Mark Mincher?

14 MR. NICK HOFFMAN: Good evening, everybody.
15 My name is Nick Hoffman, H-O-F-F-M-A-N. I live here in
16 Oswego County right in Oneonta. My wife and I just

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17 purchased a house seven months ago. We currently
18 heat our home with natural gas, and when I can convert
19 everything to that, I will. I'm a firm believer in the
20 ability of this company to put this pipeline in place
21 with minimal environmental impact. Like most of the people
22 that live here in Delaware County where I was born -- well
23 not born but feels like it. I hunt, fish, love fresh air,
24 love drinking fresh water. Just want to ensure everybody
25 that if they didn't get the memo there's absolutely no

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1 fracking going on in New York. This is a pipeline
2 destruction from Pennsylvania. And whether, you know,
3 our crap in the yard and prospering, that is what it is.
4 Everybody needs this natural gas. Everybody knows
5 employees -- I mean I don't know for sure but probably
6 1000, 1500 people. You know, I have a brother-in-law
7 that works there. He loves his job. He's an engineer,
8 well educated. If he were to lose that, you know, there
9 you go. There's all those jobs. You know this is going
10 to promote jobs, non-union, union. Leatherstocking is
11 going to come in, put all these taps in. Even people
12 with DBA's, LLC's are going to be able to go out there,
13 you know, make some money, whether it's short term,
14 long term. You know, the future is ahead of us. Let's
15 just concentrate on getting this line in. Let's get
16 what we can get out of it, get some natural gas. I've
17 been there, like he said, with all these guys. I work
18 seven people in this room right here, you know, and we
19 can do it safe. And we have all the orientations, all
20 the safety meetings. It can be done right. Nothing is
21 done without a risk. If you don't take chances, you're
22 never going to get anywhere. You know some people are
23 really against it. You just, you know, you got to
24 swallow your proud sometimes. You know, we've got to
25 share. We all got property. We've got families. Let's

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	1 just all join together and make this happen. You know,
	2 help each other out here. So, thank you. That's all
	3 I've got to say.
	4 MR. MOONEYHAN: Mark Mincher, Rebekah
	5 Schecter, Andy Mintvlak?
	6 MALE: Mark had to step out for a minute.
	7 MR. MOONEYHAN: Rebekah Schecter?
	8 MS. REBEKAH SCHECTER: Rebeka Schecter,
	9 R-E-B-E-K-A-H S-C-H-E-C-T-E-R. I am coming tonight
	10 as a local organic business owner and as an eyewitness
PM2-58	11 to something called reality. Along with agreeing with
	12 the masses that the DEIS is incomplete and that both the
	13 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the interveners
	14 need more time to properly assess the information and/or
PM2-59	15 lack thereof, I also have environmental impact concerns
	16 regarding our food. Real food comes from the
	17 environment. Tainted water equals tainted food. Tainted
	18 air equals tainted food. We have dear neighbors down in
	19 Minisink, New York, also known as the black dirt region,
	20 who have decided not to plant this year's seeds because
	21 they know that the vegetables they produce can no way
	22 still be considered organic. This is due to a compressor
	23 station a quarter mile from their farm. And there are
	24 many other farms in the immediate vicinity. The workers
	25 and families all complain of the same pain in their

PM2-58 See response to comment FA1-1.

PM2-59 See the response to comment CO57-4 regarding health impacts.

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1 lungs and also experience great disorientation when
2 working out in the field. There are currently no
3 standards or testing performed on any produce or dairy
4 coming from fracked or pipeline areas. Excuse me. Your
5 milk carton will not tell you that it is infused with
6 DNA disruptors. Let us take that family that spoke last
7 night with the \$2 million a year dairy farm on route 145
8 in Schoharie County. Suppose Cabot Williams decides that
9 they have to have a compressor station on or near their
10 land? Not only will the family and workers get sick,
11 just like Minisink, but so will the cows. What will the
12 impact be then? How many people in how many different
13 towns drink that milk? My brothers in orange and yellow,
14 I am not your enemy, and I don't want to be your's. And I
15 wish I didn't have this weird altruistic opinion
16 impression for you. Do any of you drink milk or any
17 cheese or ice cream? There's a town in Pennsylvania
18 where there's a dairy farm that had the skin is falling
19 off the backs of these cows. And that milk is still
20 being sent to the market. Are you listening? Do you not
21 know anybody or any family member that has cancer?
22 We are rapidly approaching a 50 percent cancer rate.
23 50 percent in our population. God forbid if you become
24 sick in 10, five, two years. The peers that you have
25 will not tell you that if it comes from a yogurt

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PM2-59 cont'd	<p>1 container, you have five years prior. There is no</p> <p>2 barcode on the content--cancer says. Living by a pipeline</p> <p>3 and/or compressor station equals cancer. Living by a</p> <p>4 hydrofracking well equals cancer. Eating something of</p> <p>5 frack food 10 states away from any drill pack equals</p> <p>6 cancer. You cannot have food and fracking pipelines.</p> <p>7 They don't exist. Quick drinking the Kool-Aid. Put</p> <p>8 down the TNT.</p> <p>9 MR. MOONEYHAN: Andy Mintvlak, Mark</p> <p>10 Mincher, Bruce Hodges?</p> <p>11 MR. MARK MINCHER: Good evening. My name</p> <p>12 is Mark Mincher, M-I-N-C-H-E-R. I am a proud member of</p> <p>13 the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local</p> <p>14 158. Good evening, and thank you for the opportunity</p>
PM2-60	<p>15 to speak. I support the Constitution pipeline but</p> <p>16 do not discredit the concerns of the local landowners.</p> <p>17 I do not think that our goals are that different. I</p> <p>18 think that we can easily find common ground. What is</p> <p>19 proposed here is a transmission line for cheap, clean</p> <p>20 practical energy as opposed to impractical or more</p> <p>21 damaging alternatives. Solar energy engineering is not</p> <p>22 here yet. There is opposition to wind farms and</p> <p>23 hydroelectric dams and also strong opposition to nuclear</p> <p>24 energy. There can be safe and reasonable transmission</p> <p>25 of natural gas through this pipeline which can benefit</p>

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1 fellow New Yorkers. Cheaper heat and industrial power
2 for jobs in New York. We cannot exist on casinos or
3 tourism. It is necessary to bring clean industry back
4 to New York. Cheap gas is a start. The operating
5 engineers receive training in pipeline safety training.
6 The safety training is for the safety of the pipe and
7 the public. Any imperfections in the pipe or the
8 pipe covering that prevents corrosion or could cause
9 damage to the pipe is repaired or replaced before going
10 into the ground. It only makes sense for the gas
11 companies to protect their investment. All welds are
12 tested, x-rayed and pipe is hydrostatically tested.
13 Third party testing is used. Welders are tested as a
14 pre and point cutouts of a failed weld are expensive
15 and not taken lightly. As far as water and wetlands,
16 trenchilous crossings and dry crossing methods will
17 be used, such as horizontal boring, going under the
18 streams. Minimal vegetation impact. 440 total acres.
19 Local tradesmen's will be used from the local union
20 halls. You neighbors, your relatives, men and women
21 that you see in your town daily working in -- working
22 people with the same concerns and principles and
23 regards for the environment and public safety. In
24 closing, I support the DEIS statement and the
25 Constitution pipeline. Thank you.

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1 MR. MOONEYHAN: Andy Mintvlak, Bruce
2 Hodges, Christopher Cerone?
3 MR. ANDY MINTVLAK: Thank you for the
4 opportunity to speak tonight. My name is Andy Mintvlak.
5 I'm currently mayor of the Village of Sydney, and I will
6 very brief with my statements tonight. In 2006 and 2011
7 our community was hit with two devastating floods.
8 Besides massive damage to our residential community of
9 3900 people, our major employer of 1000 employees
10 sustained over \$50 million in damages. With the help
11 of local, town, county, federal and state officials,
12 Amphenol was convinced to stay in our community. One of
13 the major parts of the economic package presented to
14 Amphenol included low cost natural gas. Besides
15 benefitting Amphenol, natural gas will provide low cost
16 energy to the rest of our business community, our
17 residents and governmental buildings. Also, additional
18 tax from the pipeline will reduce the taxes to our
19 community members. Upstate New York trails the rest
20 of the country in job creation. The cost of energy
21 is one of the reasons why this occurs. In closing, on
22 behalf of myself and the board of trustees, I certainly
23 urge FERC to approve the Constitutional pipeline and
24 help our community and the rest of the communities in
25 New York state grow and prosper in the future. Thank you.

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1 MR. MOONEYHAN: Bruce Hodges, Christopher
2 Cerone, Keith Schue?

3 MR. BRUCE HODGES: Good evening. My name is
4 Bruce Hodges. I am the business representative of the
5 International Association of Machinists and Aerospace
6 Workers, Local 1529 in Sydney, New York at Amphenol
7 Corporation. I'm here to represent the 650 plus
8 unionized employees plus the 150 plus salary employees,
9 many of whom are in the audience here tonight. As the
10 mayor just mentioned, back in 2006 and 2011 we had two
11 very devastating floods at our facility. You just
12 don't know what it's like. I've been there since
13 1979, so we're not talking short term jobs here, folks.
14 We're talking people who have been there 30, 40 years.
15 This is lifetime jobs we're talking here. You have no
16 idea how devastating it was to see four foot of water
17 in that plant twice. And after the second time, at the
18 time being union president, I figured Amphenol was going
19 to say, "Sorry, guys. Gig's up. We're going to move
20 someplace else." Well luckily they didn't. And one
21 of the key factors that made them decide to reinvest in
22 New York and stay in New York was to get access to
23 low cost environmentally friendly natural gas. And that's
24 what this pipeline will give us. We're at a very
25 competitive business. We make electrical interconnect

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	<p>1 products for commercial and mill arrow products for the 2 military in Sydney. Very long, proud history in 3 Sydney. It's a very competitive market. And every 4 little break that we can get in the cost of doing 5 business at that Sydney plant keeps more jobs. It keeps 6 jobs we've got. It generates more jobs. That's why 7 this is important. It's a job keeper and it's a job 8 incentive to keep work in Sydney and to bring more 9 working into Sydney. This new plant is a major 10 investment from both Amphenol Corporation and state 11 and local governments to keep this work here and 12 keep this workforce here in this state. Lastly, 13 I want to mention that a lot of our members are going 14 to benefit from this because it's going to give them a 15 new source of fuel to be able to heat their homes, 16 something they've never had. And my colleagues 17 downstate are amazed to find out there's any part of 18 New York State that doesn't have natural gas in their 19 towns. They just can't believe it. And that's the 20 the case. So this is going to be a far cheaper, more 21 environmentally friendly fuel for folks, for my members 22 to use. And that helps them put their kids through PM2-62 23 college and stay in these communities. So I strongly 24 urge the Commission to continue forward with their good 25 work in getting this pipeline approved. It's good for</p>

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PM2-62 cont'd	<p>1 the economy. It's good for the environment, and it's</p> <p>2 good for jobs. Thank you.</p> <p>3 MR. MOONEYHAN: Christopher Cerone,</p> <p>4 Keith Schue?</p> <p>5 MR. BOWMAN: Just a reminder, if everyone</p> <p>6 could spell their names? Thank you.</p> <p>7 MR. CHRISTOPHER CERONE: Good evening.</p> <p>8 My name is Christopher Cerone, C-E-R-O-N-E, and I am a</p> <p>9 Delaware County landowner, and I'm here this evening</p> <p>10 to convey my support of the Constitution pipeline</p> <p>11 project's DEIS. As a landowner I've seen firsthand</p> <p>12 the many benefits of pipeline projects. Several</p> <p>13 years ago the Millennium pipeline project was built</p> <p>14 in the town of Hancock. This project brought many</p> <p>15 jobs that employed hundreds of local workers, workers</p> <p>16 who patronized local businesses, businesses that were</p> <p>17 on the verge of closing. That project also brought</p> <p>18 much needed economic stimulus to the town of Hancock,</p> <p>19 Delaware County and New York State. I found that the</p> <p>20 project had minimal environmental impacts and that the</p> <p>21 benefits of the project far outweighed the negatives.</p> <p>22 I understand that landowners have concerns, and these</p> <p>23 concerns should be heard and addressed. But simply</p> <p>24 saying no to a project because you don't want it is</p> <p>25 not a good reason not to build the project. There are</p>

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1 regulatory agencies in place to ensure that these types
2 of projects are done correctly. And I am confident that
3 they will be done correctly. Therefore, I reiterate my
4 support of the Constitution pipeline project. Thank you.

5 MR. MOONEYHAN: Keith Schue, Marian Karl,
6 Bernadette Ortensi?

PM2-64 7 MR. KEITH SCHUE: Good evening. My name
8 is Keith Schue. It's S-C-H-U-E, and I live in Sherry
9 Valley, New York. My background includes five years
10 with the NEPA Conservancy grant which time I worked
11 with agencies on projects involving NEPA Analysis.
12 So I have some knowledge of requirements for the
13 evaluation of the impacts, alternatives and the level
14 of review necessary to draw conclusions about the
15 effects of a proposed action. The analysis of
16 alternatives at this draft EIS are blatantly
17 flawed, and conclusions about the pipeline, about
18 how the pipeline project would have only minor or
19 temporary impacts are simply not supported by facts.
20 Regarding to do shale gas development, the final EIS
21 must consider the indirect and cumulative impacts of
22 reasonably foreseeable gas extraction in the vicinity.

PM2-65 23 That hasn't happened. It is also common knowledge that
24 Iroquois, one of the applicants for the pipeline, has
25 made an open access -- an open season announcement for

PM2-64 See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

PM2-65 See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export. See the response to comment CO26-18 regarding the SoNo and Northeast Energy Direct (previously Northeast Expansion Project) projects.

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PM2-65 cont'd	<p>1 its SONO project that would reverse the flow of its</p> <p>2 Iroquois mine to export gas from the Constitution</p> <p>3 pipeline to Canada by 2016. However, the EIS makes</p> <p>4 no mention of this and wrongfully identifies New</p> <p>5 England as the only markets for Constitution. FERC's</p> <p>6 failure to acknowledge this, along with the TTP</p> <p>7 Northern Expansion Project at the Gizzin Wright are</p> <p>8 blatant omissions and they also constitute illegal</p> <p>9 segmentation. Regarding alternatives, the EIS</p>
PM2-66	<p>10 shockingly concludes that the Constitution pipeline</p> <p>11 is better than renewables by making an absurd</p> <p>12 comparison between the footprint of the pipeline</p> <p>13 and the land area needed by wind turbines or solar</p> <p>14 panels to produce the same amount of energy. But</p> <p>15 produced and transported energy are two different</p> <p>16 things. Gas does not magically appear in a pipe.</p> <p>17 It requires an industrial network of wells, flow back,</p> <p>18 ponds, gathering lines, compressor stations and</p> <p>19 roads, none of which are considered in FERC's</p> <p>20 comparison. DEIS also concludes that greenhouse</p>
PM2-67	<p>21 gas emissions from this project are negligible if</p> <p>22 you compare them to the total greenhouse gas</p> <p>23 inventory of carbon for the entire United States.</p> <p>24 Again, this is an absurd, non-substantive comparison</p> <p>25 by which conceivably any project could be justified.</p>

PM2-66 See the response to comment CO26-16.

PM2-67 See the response to comment SA6-9 regarding greenhouse gas emissions.

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PM2-68	<p>1 Finally, it is unconscionable that FERC would assert</p> <p>2 that the best alignment between Pennsylvania and</p> <p>3 Wright, New York is a green field corridor blasted</p> <p>4 through forests, hills, valleys and streams of the</p> <p>5 Susquehanna Valley and Northern Catskill region. A</p> <p>6 new corridor that directly impacts a thousand acres</p> <p>7 of forest and 91 acres of wetlands, permanently</p> <p>8 destroying 471 acres of forest land, impacting 277</p> <p>9 water bodies and resulting in the even greater</p> <p>10 fragmentation of critical interior forest canopy.</p> <p>11 This is simply not consistent with the plethora of</p> <p>12 research that exists on the importance of contiguous</p> <p>13 connected ecosystems and the harm caused by impacts.</p> <p>14 MR. MOONEYHAN: 40 seconds, please.</p> <p>15 MR. KEITH SCHUE: Nor does it address</p> <p>16 the requirement to prioritize the use of the established</p> <p>17 corridors before cutting new ones. Thank you.</p> <p>18 MR. MOONEYHAN: Marian Karl, Bernadette</p> <p>19 Ortensi, Bradley Vanzile?</p> <p>20 MS. MARIAN KARL: My name is Marian Karl,</p> <p>PM2-69 21 K-A-R-L, and thank you very much for taking my comments.</p> <p>22 Our planet's climate is changing rapidly, and the burning</p> <p>23 of fossil fuels is a big part of the problem. Building</p> <p>24 the Constitution pipeline will add to that problem.</p> <p>25 Back in the 1958, Dr. Charles Keeley began measuring</p>

PM2-68 See the response to comment CO1-1 regarding impacts. See the response to comment CO43-8 regarding collocation.

PM2-69 See the response to comment SA6-1 regarding climate change.

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1 the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere
2 from an observatory atop Hawaii's Monolao. It is the
3 longest running such measurement in the world. The
4 curve was instrumental in showing how human emissions
5 of carbon dioxide were steadily accumulating in the
6 earth's atmosphere and raised awareness that human
7 caused climate change is an ever increasing threat
8 to the stability of our climate. A graph of his
9 findings shows a steadily increasing Co2 in our
10 atmosphere starting at 315 parts per million in
11 1958. It has climbed to 402 parts per million in
12 the current readings. Northeastern states are
13 working now through the regional greenhouse gas
14 initiatives to reduce gas emissions. Why permit
15 another fossil fuel pipeline at the same time we
16 are trying to get consumers off of fossil fuels?
17 This pipeline does not make sense and is not
18 necessary. The gas industry uses half truths and
19 sometimes even downright lies in its propaganda.
PM2-70
20 For example, other fossil fuels are not as clean
21 as natural gas when it is burned. Actual research
22 has shown that natural gas produced by the process
23 called fracking is as dirty and no more
24 environmentally friendly than coal. This is because of
25 the production process and transmission systems

PM2-70 See the responses to comments CO26-19 and IND21-7.

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PM2-70 cont'd	1 required in producing it. Also, we cannot pat ourselves 2 on the back because our use of natural gas instead of 3 coal has approved the quality of our air when at the same 4 time we are exporting coal to other countries, India 5 or China, for example, which then moves the atmosphere, 6 the atmosphere that we all share. Although the--
PM2-71	7 MR. MOONEYHAN: 40 seconds, please. 8 MS. MARIAN KARL: Okay. Although the 9 draft EIS says the negative impact of this project 10 will be temporary, it is hard to believe that building 11 this pipeline will not inevitably lead to fracking 12 in our area. And the majority of people in-- 13 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please, finish your 14 comments. 15 MS. MARIAN KARL: --this area do not 16 produce bans or moratoria against fracking. Thank you 17 very much. 18 MR. MOONEYHAN: Bernadette Ortensi, 19 Bradley Vanzile, Patricia Kernan? 20 MS. BERNADETTE ORTENSI: Hello. My name 21 is Bernadette Ortensi, O-R-T-E-N-S-I. And I live at 22 741 County Highway, 29, in the town of Springfield. 23 I am a farmer who owns 500 acres which is split by the 24 County line so we also have land in Herkimer County, 25 town of Stark and Moore, New York. I am a diversified

PM2-71 See the response to comment FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

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PM2-72	1 crop and livestock farmer, certified organic with
	2 No for New York, LLC. WE just received the conservation
	3 farmer of the year award last night at an award
	4 ceremony. I live right along the Tennessee
	5 pipeline and have had no disturbance on my farm or
	6 to any of the surrounding farmers in my area. WE
	7 go about our business day in and day out. I believe
	8 in the future of our state and want you to know, I am
	9 in favor of the Constitution pipeline installation.
	10 I am also a mother of two young men, ages 22 and 23, who
	11 are finishing up college and have no opportunity to
	12 get a decent paying job in our area to return back to
	13 their childhood community. I want to thank everyone
	14 on this committee for allowing a public comment time
	15 and love that our country is still based on freedom
	16 of speech and freedom of land rights. Thank you.
PM2-73	17 MR. MOONEYHAN: Bradley Vanzile,
	18 Patricia Kernan, Richard Ogsbury?
	19 MR. BRADLEY VANZILE: Good evening. My
	20 name is Bradley Vanzile, capital V-A-N, capital
	21 Z-I-L-E. I'm for the Constitution pipeline. I'm a
	22 member of Labors Local 17 Union. I've worked heavy
	23 construction for 39 years. 57 years I've lived in
	24 Schoharie County. I'm a landowner. I have one
	25 pipeline going through my land right now. The pipeline

PM2-72	The commentor's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.
PM2-73	The commentor's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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1 that went through my land was nothing but scrub land.
2 I'm a farmer. And when they cleared the land, they
3 receded it. I now hay that land. So I didn't see
4 any agricultural problems there. I haven't seen
5 any agricultural problems on my land. And after 57
6 years I'm still alive. Okay. I lived in Schoharie
7 County, like I said, 57 years. 39 years I've been
8 doing construction. Most of the time I have to
9 travel to make a living. Last year the economy was
10 so bad up here I only worked 17 weeks. Three days I
11 spent working at the college in Oneonta. The rest
12 of the time I was down in Westchester working. I
13 left my family, and I was living in a motel. I'd like
14 to be home with my family for about a year. I'd like
15 to retire on my farm. I believe there will be tax
16 revenue for the area. And also, the people that go
17 out on these pipelines, they're drug tested. They're
18 trained. I started doing pipelines in 1987, and I had
19 to go back to school for over a week to take new
20 safety courses and to get caught up on things that
21 have been implemented. I support the draft EIS, and I'd
22 like to thank everyone here. Good evening.
23 MR. MOONEYHAN: Patricia Kernan, Richard
24 Ogsbury, Larry Bennett?
25 MS. PATRICIA KERNAN: Hello. My name is

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PM2-74 1 Patricia Kernan, K-E-R-N-A-N. I'm a trustee of the
2 Kernan Land Trust at Old Lennon in
3 Delaware County in the county of Bakersfield.
4 Constitution has proposed putting their pipeline
5 from one end of this property to the other. This
6 represents about 1 percent of the entire length of
7 the proposed pipeline. And this is an enormous
8 problem for us on several levels. If they were to
9 confiscate this land by eminent domain, as they plan
10 to do, it would seriously degrade a very large
11 ecologically pristine complex. I'm
12 talking about a land with carnivorous plants,
13 picture plants, sun dews, several types of sun dews,
14 bog rosemary, dwarf mistletoe, black spruce. This
15 is the real thing. And it's one of the largest
16 in New York State outside of the Appalachian Mountains.
17 And they're proposing to blast through it. Also, it
18 would permanently fragment a forest that has been
19 deliberately put aside in trust to conservation for
20 300 years, the longest allowable time that's allowed
21 by the law of New York State. It would obliterate
22 70 years worth of forestry work and planning that my
23 father started in 1947. And his children are
24 continuing through the trust. It has also inspired --
25 every one trust member's careers. This piece of land.

PM2-74 See the response to comment CO5-10.

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1 This piece of land has been celebrated as a model of
2 land management, land and forest management, by DEC's
3 conservation magazine six times. That's every 10 years
4 since 1956. No wonder they don't want to go destroy
5 it. DEC is against this. All this would be negated
6 by building no pipeline across this piece of land.
7 Friends, it would make it impossible to harvest
8 timber. It pays the taxes. It makes conservation
9 of it possible. The pipeline has
10 proposed to go straight across. The only area that
11 can be used is a logging land on other property.
12 No sane logger is going to operate--
13 MR. MOONEYHAN: 40 seconds, please.
14 MS. PATRICIA KERNAN: --heavy logging
15 equipment over a 30 inch pipeline. The Kernin Trust
16 situation is a glaring example of how Constitution
17 have refused to seriously consider a viable alternative
18 routes. They cause environmental destruction, despite
19 declaration to the contrary. We've provided Constitution
20 and FERC with overwhelming scientific and technical
21 evidence gathered by some of the best scientists in the
22 state. That the preferred group--
23 MR. MOONEYHAN: Thank you for your comments,
24 ma'am.
25 MR. PATRICIA KERNIN: --will inevitably

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PM2-74 cont'd	<p>1 permanently destroy a unique wetland. Thank you.</p> <p>2 MR. MOONEYHAN: Richard Ogsbury, Larry</p> <p>3 Bennett, Todd Diorio?</p> <p>4 MR. RICHARD OGSBURY: I'm Richard</p> <p>5 Ogsbury, O-G-S-B-U-R-Y. I live in the town of Wright,</p> <p>6 Schoharie County, been there a number of years. My</p> <p>7 wife grew up on the farm. We have four pipelines--</p> <p>8 MR. MOONEYHAN: Could you speak into the</p> <p>9 mike, please?</p> <p>10 MR. RICHARD OGSBURY: We have four</p>
PM2-75	<p>11 pipelines that run within 85 feet of our family room.</p> <p>12 And the nice thing about it is it's transporting</p> <p>13 approximately 30 percent of the fuel that's going</p> <p>14 through it is for energy. And it's a nice feeling</p> <p>15 to be part of the people that have this pipeline to</p> <p>16 be a part of transporting it for the public's use.</p> <p>17 It's not an inconvenience. And the previous</p> <p>18 gentleman just said it doesn't interfere with farming.</p> <p>19 I was run and farming on -- working on the farm when the</p> <p>20 first one went through in 1951. And it hasn't</p> <p>21 interfered with it at all. And as far as the</p> <p>22 environmentalists on tour, there is more hard hats --</p> <p>23 white hard hats and safety vests than you can imagine.</p> <p>24 And they speak about temporary jobs. The fellows and</p> <p>25 and ladies in tin hard hats and muddy boots and</p>

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1 safety vests know that there's other ways to make
2 the living. But there's a lot of pride in what they
3 do every day, be it in road construction, pipeline
4 or building and being able to afford the necessary
5 items that you need to exist in our society. My
6 hat's off to those boys. I came down that road years
7 ago. Thank you very much.

8 MR. MOONEYHAN: Larry Bennett,
9 Todd Diorio, Mark Norman.

10 FEMALE: Larry had to step out. He'll be
11 right back.

12 MR. MOONEYHAN: Todd Diorio?

13 MR. TODD DIORIO: It's Todd Diorio, and
14 it's D-I-O-R-I-O. I'm the business manager with Labors
15 Local 17, and I'm the secretary treasurer with the
16 Eastern New York Labors District Council. I represent
17 approximately 5000 neighbors in this region of New York,
18 many of whom live in this area of this proposed pipeline.
19 I'm here to talk about a couple of things real quick.
20 Jobs and taxes, which is most important to our people.
21 This project will create over a thousand good paying
22 union jobs, including anywhere from 600 to 800 jobs for
23 local workers and will produce a payroll of almost
24 \$200 million. Workers on this project will be highly
25 trained and the majority will have years of experience

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1 in pipeline construction. Many of these workers that
2 will be employed on this project will finally have
3 opportunity to work close to home and family, unlike
4 in the past where they had to travel. You heard from
5 many of the members. Brad just spoke recently, and we
6 have about 125 laborers here. We didn't want to be
7 repetitive and have every one of them speak, so I'm
8 speaking on their behalf, the ones that showed up.
9 The owners of this pipeline will spend over \$100 million
10 on construction materials and supplies. This project
11 would economically stimulate the Upstate towns, villages
12 and counties where this line runs through. We witnessed
13 this firsthand when the Millennium pipeline was there.
14 You heard about people keep saying temporary jobs.
15 We don't consider our jobs temporary. We go from job
16 to job. As the job finishes, we move onto the next one.
17 We need more jobs like this. The other things to talk
18 about is the taxes. We've seen firsthand -- we're
19 experiencing in my town right now with the loss of
20 a powerhouse, every place, every town, every
21 municipality could use the extra tax benefits. The
22 sales tax generated in the New York State on this
23 project will be about \$4 million and about \$13 million
24 annually to counties, towns and school districts. And
25 on the safety issue, we've heard it, and I am not going

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PM2-76	1 to repeat myself. These guys are highly trained, as they
	2 mentioned drug testing, hours and hours of classroom
	3 training. These men are handpicked for these jobs, and
	4 they take pride in what they do. So we are in favor
	5 or this pipeline project. These jobs are much needed to
	6 keep people working in this area, and we totally support
	7 this project. Thank you.
PM2-77	8 MR. MOONEYHAN: Mark Norman, Barry Lynch,
	9 Stephen Stoddard?
	10 MR. LARRY BENNETT: I'm sorry. It's a long
	11 meeting. I had to make a bathroom break. My name is
	12 Larry Bennett, and I have four points to make. I live
	13 in Delaware County. And there's no question that this
	14 pipeline is going to affect our roads and bridges, our
PM2-78	15 landscape, our well life, our hunting and fishing, and
	16 there's just no question about that. That's not
	17 something you can argue. Personally I say I grabbed the
	18 dynamite and it's going to go on up the hill from us,
	19 and you know it's going to be dynamited because anybody
	20 who lives here knows that you're going to put
	21 something 30 inches in the ground you're not going to
PM2-79	22 do it with a backhoe. You're going to do it by blowing
	23 rocks out of the ground. So that's one point. Another
	24 point is that I work at Brewery Ommegang in Cooperstown,
	25 and we've been opposed to fracking since 2010. And it's

PM2-76	The commentor's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.
PM2-77	See the response to comment LA1-1 regarding road repairs. Recreational hunting and fishing are discussed in section 4.8.4 of the EIS. See the response to comment CO1-1.
PM2-78	See the response to comment CO50-69.
PM2-79	See the response to comment FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

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1 pretty simple because if our water's compromised, we're
2 out of business. So the people who believe that the
3 pipeline will bring fracking are people who say it won't.
4 I don't know, but I'm not willing to take a chance. So
5 we have been opposed to the pipeline. But I brought
6 the brewery because today I spoke with four gentlemen
7 very briefly at the brewery, had a brief and friendly
8 conversation. It was brief, but it was nice to see
9 them there. And I think that's what we need is more
10 conversation and less of this yammer at one another.
11 But they do have a point that they need jobs. I've been
12 speaking to what we do because we make jobs. I'm not
13 here to pump the brewery. I'm just here to make a point.
14 And that point is that we have 110 people here, 41 people
15 across the country, I started here about seven years ago,
16 so we've been growing and growing successfully. We make
17 beer that's shipped all over the country and the world
18 now. This is New York State owned. We're proud of that.

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19 It brings jobs. And we believe that there are
20 alternatives for jobs. We train people. We hire
21 people locally. We promote people locally, and if people
22 leave us, they almost do it to start their own brewery.
23 So we're drop creators, and we think that's a great
24 way to create jobs. It's not only about breweries, but
25 there's a lots of entrepreneurial spirit in Upstate

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1 New York. On an economic side of that, when I started
2 there we were probably bringing in \$10 million a year.
3 This year it's going to be pushing 100 million and in
4 three years we're still going to be pushing \$300 million.
5 And these are jobs here. This is money coming in here,
6 and we believe in this. And--

7 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.

8 MR. LARRY BENNETT: --we don't believe
9 in fracking and the potential of the pipeline bringing
10 it. So I just want to say we need to talk about these
11 things because they effect everybody's lives in many
12 ways, and we need to work together and not yammer at
13 each other. Thank you.

14 MR. MOONEYHAN: Mark Norman, Stephen
15 Stoddard?

16 MR. MARK NORMAN: My name is Mark Norman.
17 I'm with the Local 158 International Union of Operating
18 Engineers. I just recently joined the 158 through an
19 apprenticeship program called Helmet Stardettes. I'm
20 an Iraq war vet. I served nine years in the United
21 States Army. Thank you. This program designed to take
22 veterans like myself and once we leave the service their
23 goal is to put us out in the workforce and train us to
24 run this equipment and do it safely and professionally.

PM2-81 | 25 And it's a great opportunity. I look forward to doing

PM2-81 The commentator's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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1 it for these gentlemen. And hopefully I can do it here
2 on this Constitutional pipeline right home at New York
3 instead of overseas for a change. I'd like to serve my
4 country here. With that being said, while I was in the
5 iron services I got to travel all over the world and see
6 a lot of beautiful places. And one of the most beautiful
7 places I got to visit, I was stationed in Fort Richardson,
8 Alaska. During that time, I traveled in convoys from
9 Fort Richardson, Alaska to Fort Greely. All along this
10 route you were traveling right parallel with the Alaskan
11 pipeline, which by the way, you might think it's crazy,
12 folks, but it's beautiful. I've had the opportunity to
13 see cow, moose and her calve grazing underneath this
14 pipeline. This pipeline is put through a region that's
15 riddled with fault lines, glacial rivers, some of the
16 toughest terrain you would ever see in the world, frozen
17 permafrost, and they did it with technology that we --
18 we have way better technology in this current time
19 than we had back then. And what people underestimate
20 is nature's ability to heal itself. People think of
21 a clear-cut, they think of the damage that's done.
22 I seen what was qualified as a clear cut turn into
23 some of the most beautiful wildlife land you've ever
24 seen five years later. A gentleman spoke earlier talking
25 about the advantages that can become with some of these

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1 projects. You take the good with the bad. I think
2 you'd be surprise at the outcome and how quick this land
3 will actually heal itself. I've seen it first hand in
4 other places. Just something to take into consideration
5 when these things are being overseen. But anyway, thank
6 your for the time and God bless.

7 MR. MOONEYHAN: Carrie Lynch, Stephen
8 Stoddard, Dean Tamburrie? Carrie Lynch? Stephen
9 Stoddard?

10 MR. STEPHEN STODDARD: Good evening, ladies
11 and gentlemen. My name is Stephen Stoddard. That's
12 S-T-E-P-H-E-N S-T-O-D-D-A-R-D. I'm from Harpersville,
13 New York. I'm also a landowner. I enjoy the outdoors.
14 I believe in protecting it to the fullest. I also
15 belong to the Teamsters Local 693 out of Binghamton, New

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16 York. And that's why I'm here tonight. This is for
17 my fellow Teamsters, laborers, operators, welders so
18 we can get this pipeline going. I also spent 17.5 years
19 in the United States Navy as a veteran, and I spent a lot
20 of time away from my home, which I don't want to have
21 to do anymore but I still have to do because its' the
22 only way I can work. I've worked on pipelines since
23 2008 when I started on the Millennium pipeline. I've
24 seen firsthand the care that is taken by the men and
25 women who work on environmental crews, restoration

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1 crews, as well as all the other crews that are involved
2 in putting pipe in the ground. For two years I also
3 worked in the gas fields down in Pennsylvania, cementing
4 gas wells, the casings of gas wells. I've also worked
5 on frack crews. I know what fracking is. I know what
6 it isn't. And I know what cementing casing wells
7 means. I know what all of it is. I've seen it first
8 hand. I do understand everybody's concern. The
9 people working on these jobs are highly trained.
10 They're highly skilled in their individual fields,
11 and they work very well together to protect themselves
12 and the areas around them as well as the public community.
13 It's very tiresome to continuously hear so much ignorance
14 about the gas industry, about the environmental impacts
15 that are made by pipelines and other issues of the gas
16 industry. And just because you found it on the
17 internet doesn't mean it's the truth. Pipelines
18 rupture. Most of the time they rupture because someone
19 failed to do their homework and failed to call 8-1-1
20 before they dug or drilled with an auger. And that's
21 what causes it. This project will bring much needed
22 jobs to this area. This area has been depressed for
23 a long time. I'm sick of it. I came home here to
24 make something of myself after spending a long time
25 in the military. There's not much here to do to make

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1 something of yourself. You got to leave the area.
2 And I'm tired of it. Every aspect of local businesses
3 will be effected from laundry services to camping areas,
4 apartments, part stores, gas stations, etc. It's not
5 just a job for me. This will -- it helps everybody. The
6 fact is there's no sound reason for this project to be
7 stopped. The concerns of local citizens are perfectly
8 understandable. What they need to understand is that
9 we pipe liners live here too. This is our environment,
10 and we do everything we can to protect it. Please allow
11 us to do our jobs. We don't come and try to stop you
12 from doing yours. Thank you very much.

13 MR. MOONEYHAN: Dean Tamburri, Julie
14 Huntsman, Kelly Branigan?

15 MR. DEAN TAMBURRI: Good evening. My
16 name is Dean Tamburri, T-A-M-B-U-R-R-I. I'm a proud
17 member of Labors Local 17. I'm here this evening to
18 give my support for the Constitution pipeline. Our
19 membership has participated in many hours of pipeline
20 construction safety training. Our members have installed
21 thousands of pipelines safely throughout New York and
22 throughout America. With this, our members have
23 traveled all over the -- even the country sometimes to
24 get work for their members or for their families.
25 With the approval this will allow local members to work

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1 where they live. This project will bring needed jobs and
2 tax revenue Upstate New York. The safe transmission line
3 cannot only lower electrical costs but can bring your tax
4 base an open opportunity for future industry to take
5 advantage of more job opportunities of this clean
6 energy source. United States needs to become more
7 energy efficient as soon as possible. This will bring
8 us one step closer to achieving that goal. Please
9 approve this construction of the Constitution pipeline
10 as soon as possible. I just want to take this opportunity
11 to thank all the members who came out to support their
12 fellow members and this important subject and
13 construction for Upstate New York. Thank you.

14 MR. MOONEYHAN: Julie Huntsman,
15 Kelly Branigan, Phil Hulbert?

16 MS. JULIE HUNTSMAN: Hi there. My name
17 is Julie Huntsman, H-U-N-T-S-M-A-N. I serve on the
18 town board of the Town Otsego and I'm mostly a land owner.
19 I'm not really anywhere near Constitution pipeline,
20 but I do have some concerns about it. First, I do
21 request that FERC extend the time period on the DEIS. I
22 understand it's quite a ton, lots of information in
23 it, a lot to digest and relatively not a lot of
24 time to do that. So I think it's a disservice to the
25 landowners and the communities in its path for them not

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See response to comment FA1-1.

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PM2-84 cont'd	1 to have more time. I applaud and affirm all the comments 2 the DEC has made to FERC about what's' missing in the DIS 3 and confess that my comments are general in nature.
PM2-85	4 I'm sorry I'm not more helpful with specific comments 5 with the EIS. I find myself actually agreeing with 6 a lot of the people here in terms of what we need in 7 the state. We do need clean energy. WE do need jobs 8 WE do need to extend our tax base. I just had 9 disagreements with how to get there. And I confess, 10 I don't know much about pipelines. I'm sitting next 11 to a gentleman that knows a lot about them. I don't 12 feel I can be a trustworthy person to work on them. 13 Nevertheless, my issue is with fracking. And I don't 14 know that the Constitution pipeline will definitely 15 lead to fracking in New York like Mr. Bennett said. 16 I don't know. I'm kind of afraid to put my bets on 17 that it will not. I want to -- I do have a number of 18 issues with fracking. There is well documented problems 19 with it. A lot of times they are dismissed, and they're 20 not known because there's quite a culture of secrecy 21 and deception about the industry. That's unfortunate. 22 We could reverse that, as well as the many environmental 23 loophole which enables them to bypass many environmental 24 regulations. I want to 10 per mile anti-five point anti- 25 fracking statements, most of which I left out. I'm

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See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

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PM2-86	<p>1 going to hand to you. I understand the appeal of the</p> <p>2 pipeline. There's a great need for jobs. This is</p> <p>3 compelling and real. I understand from the pipeline's</p> <p>4 Website there is to be total of 1300 temporary</p> <p>5 construction jobs but 25 percent of the people living</p> <p>6 in the five counties on route, that 326 jobs, 66</p> <p>7 Susquehanna, 45 Brume, 22 Chatengo, 112 Delaware,</p> <p>8 81 Schoharie. And unfortunately the jobs are over</p> <p>9 in eight months. I understand a temporary job is</p> <p>10 better than no job. But I was very disappointed</p> <p>11 at the number of permanent jobs created as</p> <p>12 estimated on the Website to just be seven. IN</p> <p>13 contrast, New York State now has 5000 permanent</p> <p>14 jobs directly related to solar energy, and they're not</p> <p>15 going away. From 2012 to 2013, employment in solar in</p> <p>16 New York State grew from 20 percent and were number five</p> <p>17 in solar. Cheap natural gas won't stay that way. The</p> <p>18 sweet spot in Pennsylvania is going to deplete and gas</p> <p>19 will push up prices as well exports. So what economic</p> <p>20 advantage is there then? Our communities, our state</p> <p>21 and our rural doesn't need the pipeline. The only</p> <p>22 energy security or long term economic growth is in</p> <p>23 renewals. Thank you.</p> <p>24 MR. MOONEYHAN: Kelly Branigam,</p> <p>25 Phil Hulbert, Carmen D'Amico?</p>

PM2-86 The commentor's statements regarding jobs are noted.

PM2-87 See the response to comment LA9-4 regarding natural gas reserves. See the response to comment IND205-3 regarding gas prices. Section 3.1.2.3 of the EIS provides a discussion of renewable energy.

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	1 MS. KELLY BRANIGAM: Hi. My name is
	2 Kelly Branigan, B-R-A-N-I-G-A-M. First of all, I also
	3 urge you to extend the comment period to allow those
	4 effected time to review the DEIS in light of the recent
	5 additions by Williams. Julie addressed the job
	6 situation admirably. I won't talk about that. This
	7 pipeline is not about jobs. It's not about energy
	8 independence. It's certainly not about the public
	9 good. It's about nothing but profit for private
	10 companies. They don't care about our communities.
	11 They don't care about impacts to the residents who
	12 will be directly affected. They care about making
PM2-88	13 money. The FERC Commission, right or wrong, has a
	14 reputation for merely going through the motions and
	15 rubber stamping every pipeline application that crosses
	16 the desk. Each project is looked at separately with no
	17 determination of accumulative impacts of the many. I
	18 urge you, the representatives, to listen carefully to
	19 the speakers here tonight as well as at the other
	20 hearings. Those that stand to profit will urge you to
	21 ignore the environmental concerns, downplay the missing
	22 information and ask you to overlook the very real
	23 concerns being voiced here and those put to you in
PM2-89	24 writing. The future is not natural gas. The reserves
	25 have been vastly overstated. We're seeing write downs

PM2-88 See the response to comment IND44-2.

PM2-89 See the response to comment LA9-4 regarding natural gas reserves.

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	1 by the industry as gas fields are developed and better
	2 information becomes available. With a rampant depletion
	3 of shale gas wells, the only way to maintain production
	4 is to drill well after well after well. Increased
	5 dependence on natural gas for heating, transportation
	6 and power plants combined with exports will deplete
	7 those reserves even faster. Prices will skyrocket with
	8 demand. Cheap coal will once again be in great demand.
PM2-90	9 So much for the climate. The DEIS must incorporate
	10 health impacts as a consideration, as well as
	11 environmental impacts. The pipeline will carry gas
PM2-91	12 higher than radon. The closer to the source, the
	13 greater the chance of exposure. Radon is the second
	14 leading cause of lung cancer in the United States.
PM2-92	15 Emissions from compressor stations must be analyzed
	16 with special attention paid to those living nearby and
	17 the cumulative impacts of multiple stations must be
	18 addressed. This pipeline is not needed. Increasing
	19 production and usage of methane gas will accelerate
	20 already dangerous climate change. We have aging
	21 pipelines leaking methane in massive amounts in cities
	22 across the nation. The oil fields in North Dakota burn
	23 off millions of cubic feet of methane gas as a waste
	24 product. All of these factors must be taken into
	25 consideration. Please don't rubber stamp this. Pay

PM2-90 See the response to comment SA6-1 regarding climate. See the response to comment CO57-4 regarding health.

PM2-91 See the response to comment LA5-6 regarding radon.

PM2-92 Combined air emissions for the proposed compressor station and the existing Wright Compressor Station are provided in section 4.11.2 of the EIS. See the response to comment SA6-1 regarding climate change and methane leakage. See the response to comment IND44-2.

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PM2-93	1 close attention to the issues being raised about the
	2 deficiencies of the DEIS. Demand answers. Require
	3 documentation.
	4 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds, please.
	5 MS. KELLY BRANIGAM: Ask the hard
	6 questions. I urge you to recommend to the Commission
	7 the denial of the approval of this unneeded and unwanted
	8 pipeline. Thank you.
	9 MR. MOONEYHAN: Phil Hulbert, Carmen
	10 D'Amico, Mark Pizzati:
PM2-94	11 MR. PHIL HULBERT: My name is Phil Hulbert,
	12 P-H-I-L H-U-L-B-E-R-T. I'm a landowner potentially
	13 affected by the Constitution pipeline. I'm a registered
	14 intervener, and I speak tonight on behalf of myself and
	15 my family. I would note for this record that more miles
	16 of pipeline are proposed to be installed on steep slopes
	17 that are proposed to be co-located on these abtained
	18 rights of way. My family and I own 10 acres of land in
	19 the Town of Davenport in Delaware County. This is where
	20 we live. AS depicted in the environmental construction
	21 plans of August 2013 and as nearly as I can tell from
	22 the drawings and DEIS, the pipeline will be close to our
	23 property on two sides; to the West and to the North. In
	24 fact, on the North side the pipeline will likely occupy
	25 a portion of our land as will a construction right of

PM2-93 The commentor's statements in opposition to the proposed projects are noted.

PM2-94 See the response to comment IND45-1.

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PM2-94 cont'd	<p>1 way and a temporary work space. All trees on that portion</p> <p>2 of land, many of which may be 30 or more years old,</p> <p>3 according to a forest grass plan will be removed. This</p> <p>4 will eliminate some of the buffer between our property</p> <p>5 and an adjacent neighbor. This forest and piece of land</p> <p>6 is important to us, but some of it will be deforested</p> <p>7 forever. Quite simply, 30 year old trees may not</p> <p>8 regrow on that land in my lifetime. I'm aware of no</p> <p>9 effort on the part of Constitution Pipeline to mitigate</p> <p>10 this project impact for us or other landowners. Based</p>
PM2-95	<p>11 on the scale of the map depicting the pipeline, the trench</p> <p>12 and the pipeline will be something more than 200 feet from</p> <p>13 the well that supplies our drinking water. The DEIS</p> <p>14 suggests 150 feet may be an important distance separating</p> <p>15 the pipeline from sources of drinking water. I'm not aware</p> <p>16 of any literature citations in the DEIS that support that11</p>
PM2-96	<p>17 distance. I do not know if FERC will issue a certificate</p> <p>18 of public convenience and necessity. If it does, however,</p> <p>19 I suggest that a much greater effort be made to avoid</p> <p>20 routing the pipeline on properties of landowners who do</p> <p>21 not intend to reach agreement with Constitution Pipeline.</p> <p>22 My family and I count ourselves among those landowners.</p> <p>23 Thank you.</p> <p>24 MR. MOONEYHAN: Carmen D'Amico, Mark Pizzati,</p> <p>25 Ann Stark?</p>

PM2-95 See the response to comment LA10-3.

PM2-96 The commentor's opposition is noted.

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	1 MS. CARMEN D'AMICO: Hello, everybody. My
	2 name is Carmen D'Amico, D-A-M-I-C-O. I'm an American and
	3 Spanish citizen. I live in East Meredith. I represent --
	4 I tried to be here to talk about people in my area. The
PM2-97	5 more I hear about the Constitutional Pipeline, I hear
	6 experiences of other people in other parts of the United
	7 States and really they are concerned about the pollution
	8 in the air. When I think about my children -- I have six4
	9 children -- my neighbors, how the pollution can effect the
	10 water we are going to have. You know it's really very
	11 scary to me. I hear my neighbors also having concerns
PM2-98	12 how they take their lands. They don't pay the value of
PM2-99	13 their houses. Insurance are not really covered in that.
	14 I think that's a little strange because if it's really
	15 safe, why put no coverage? Why? What is behind? One
	16 thing that we pay -- I come from the Canary Islands --
	17 the reason I come from America is the freedoms. And I
	18 really see that freedom taken away from the people when
	19 I see my neighbors so close to me -- protect their freedom.
	20 They don't care. If you really we have to compromise
	21 and work to get it up, why not respect the 75 people that
PM2-100	22 are in my area? Why not take the I88 highway? It's a
	23 little more difficult, more uncomfortable. But you know
	24 what? They should respect the 75 people -- sorry, 75
	25 percent. That is a lot. The other thing I would like

PM2-97 Sensitive resources, as well as potential impacts and mitigation, are discussed in the EIS for water resources (section 4.3.3) and air quality (section 4.11.1).

PM2-98 See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain.

PM2-99 See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values.

PM2-100 See the response to comment FA5-1 regarding survey permission. The commentor's opposition is noted. Section 3.1.2.3 of the EIS provides a discussion of renewable energy.

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1 to encourage, coming from another country, I'd like to
2 encourage more positive energy like the windmill that
3 we have in the Canary Islands and work very well. It
4 would be nice to see people more work in the energy
5
6 that that's not destroying the air we live. It will
7 get a job. And with the straight air we breathe. What
8 is worth it to me? I don't think that makes sense to me
9 because it's killing us. We have a job and we kill
10 ourself after. So also another thing that I have in my
11 house is a solar panel and it's a very good cause of
12 energy. And if we can grow that in our community and
13 make people work in that, I think we can much more
14 positive and it's better for our health. The last thing,
15 I finish my speech, just it come to me the story of the
16 lower end.

17 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds, please.

18 MR. CARMEN D'AMICO: It looks so great, so
19 much money, so much job. But what was the point of the
20 story behind? Just a thought. What was the point behind?
21 We have to save our planet where we live. Positive start
22 and working together as America is. I admire and I
23 would like to see America in that direction.

24 MR. MOONEYHAN: Conclude your comments.

25 MR. CARMEN D'AMICO: Okay.

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1 MR. MOONEYHAN: Mark Pizzati, Ann Stark,
2 Dee Singer?

3 MR. MARK PIZZATI: Hi. My name is Mark
4 Pizzati. I live in Andes, New York here in Delaware
5 County. And I'd like to speak about some of the
6 impacts of the proposed pipeline project would have on
7 landowners who have owned property along the route that

PM2-101 8 the pipeline is proposed to take. The first DIS in
9 Section 4.9.5, titled 'Property Values and Mortgages',
10 it states that we also researched comments received
11 about the potential impact of installation of the
12 pipeline on the ability to obtain a mortgage or mortgage
13 rates. We interviewed staff at banks and mortgage
14 companies but could not confirm the impact would occur.
15 Well unfortunately, these financial institutions that
16 FERC mentions seems to have been thousands of miles from
17 Delaware County. Actual documentation has been provided
18 here in Delaware County that shows FERC's claims to be
19 extremely uninformed at best. At a spring of 2013 meeting
20 of the Chenango Delaware Gun Club, I met a landowner named
21 Mark E. Archibald who's a military veteran and property
22 owner in Masonville, New York who owns property directly
23 on the route of the proposed pipeline. On March 15 of this
24 year, Mr. Archibald filed an official comment with FERC
25 saying that, and I quote, "I contacted and met with the

PM2-101 See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values.

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PM2-101 conf'd	<p>1 loan officers of the Sydney Federal Credit Union, Community</p> <p>2 Bank and NET banks of Sydney. All three banks said they</p> <p>3 would not consider a mortgage loan on my property if indeed</p> <p>4 a pipeline lease and pipeline existed. The loan officer</p> <p>5 said this would be because of their liability on the</p> <p>6 property." Now I'd like to mention that a property that</p> <p>7 cannot be mortgaged makes it difficult or impossible to</p> <p>8 sell. And a property that cannot be sold really has no</p> <p>9 value. This pipeline project is destroying not only Mr.</p> <p>10 Archibald's property but 700 other landowner's property</p> <p>11 values as well. These are hardworking Americans who</p> <p>12 chose to invest in our community, in many cases with their</p> <p>13 life savings. I find it outrageous that any Federal</p> <p>14 Agency group of people or political would be so heartless</p> <p>15 as to treat a fellow America in this way. This pipeline</p> <p>16 route could have been sited on--</p> <p>17 MR. MOONEYHAN: 40 seconds, please.</p> <p>18 MR. MARK PIZZATI: Sure. This pipeline</p> <p>19 route could have been sited on any person's land who sites</p> <p>20 in this room tonight. Ask yourself how you would react</p> <p>21 if you were in Mr. Archibald's place. I find it difficult</p> <p>22 to understand how some can feel they have the right to</p> <p>23 earn money from the destruction of another person's</p> <p>24 investment and many cases with their life savings. No</p> <p>25 private corporation should profit and no individual</p>

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PM2-102	1 should get a job by stealing the land from another
	2 American. Thank you.
	3 MR. MOONEYHAN: Ann Stark, Dee Singer,
	4 Mike Richardson?
	5 MS. ANN STACK: Good evening. My name is
	6 Ann Stack, S-T-A-C-K. My husband and I are landowners
	7 in Davenport. The un-Constitutional pipeline is shattering
	8 our dreams of building a home on our land, something we
	9 have been planning for over eight years. As they intend
	10 to build this nightmare right through our planned home
	11 site. Tonight I will address just one of the many concerns
	12 I have, we have, regarding this plan debacle. To risk
	13 the long term destruction of diverse water sources,
	14 including streams, wetlands, bogs, lakes, ponds and
	15 especially wells, aquifers, polluting an element essential
	16 for our lives and the lives of our children, our grand-
	17 children and their grandchildren and the lives of the
	18 birds, the insects and the animals that are integral to
	19 this community. This isn't just about humans. You know
	20 there's a whole lot more that makes up a community. It's
	21 a complexity of life. To do this, to risk these long term
	22 destruction for the short term financial gains of a
	23 corporation would be an act of supreme shortsightedness
	24 and ignorance. For FERC, and agency of the United States
	25 Government whose primary role should be to act on behalf

PM2-102 Sensitive resources, as well as potential impacts and mitigation, are discussed in the EIS for waterbodies (section 4.3.3), wetlands (section 4.4 and appendix L), and wildlife (section 4.6.1).

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	1 of the citizens of this country, we, the people, to	
	2 allow such a travesty to happen would be a violation of	
	3 FERC's mandate to protect and do what is in the long term	
	4 best interest, the United States of America. Please wake	
	5 up. And I'm looking at the four of you sitting up there,	
	6 but what I do mean FERC, all of FERC. For the sake of your	
	7 children and your children's children -- this isn't about	
	8 jobs that are going to last six months and nine months.	
PM2-103	9 This is about the long term ramifications and you know	
	10 if a pipeline is coming through New York, fracking will	
	11 follow. There's no two ways about it. So don't kid	
	12 yourself. Wake up for the birds, the animals who are	
	13 powerless to speak for themselves. I ask you to do that	
	14 which is the only right thing to do. Stop the proposed	
	15 so called Constitution pipeline from ever being built in	
	16 this land of the free and home of the brave. Be brave.	
	17 Show those power driven scoundrels that you will not	
	18 cower in their presence or be swayed by their smooth	
	19 talk. Do not allow them--	
	20 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please finish your comments,	
	21 ma'am.	
PM2-104	22 MS. ANN STACK: --to risk the permanent	
	23 pollution of our water. Thank you very much.	
	24 MR. MOONEYHAN: Dee Singer, Mike	
	25 Richardson, David Marsh?	

PM2-103 See the response to comment FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

PM2-104 See the response to comments LA8-3 and IND116-1 regarding water quality.

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PM2-105	1 MS. DEE SINGER: Hi. My name is Dee
	2 Singer, D-E-E, Singer S-I-N-G-E-R. I would like to
	3 express my opposition to the pipeline, along with my
	4 husband. My husband and I moved here five years ago.
	5 believe it or not we moved from Miami. However, we miss
	6 the change of seasons and our family who live in the
	7 area. We love it here. I paint in my art studio that
	8 we built on our property. And guess what I paint? This
	9 beautiful landscape. We couldn't believe when we heard
PM2-106	10 murmurs soon after we settled in of a possible pipeline.
	11 These rumors soon turned into reality. Are they crazy?
	12 Why? After all the news of accidents, environmental
	13 issues, renewable energy on the horizon, etc. We also
	14 found out that it provides no benefits, certainly not
	15 for us. Of course the principles of the Constitution
	16 pipeline will line their pockets. Maybe they would like
	17 a pipeline in their backyard. And by the way, I don't
	18 want this to become Texas. Because if I did, I would
	19 live there. Our hearts are very heavy. Please don't let
	20 them do this. Thank you.
	21 MR. MOONEYHAN: Mike Richardson, David
	22 Marsh, Joey Murray?
	23 MR. MIKE RICHARDSON: Hi. I'm Mike
	24 Richardson, R-I-C-H-A-R-D-S-O-N, and I live in Kino
	25 Lake, New York which is in the town of Bethel. I was

PM2-105 The commentor’s opposition to the proposed projects is noted.

PM2-106 See the response to comment CO1-2. See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety. Section 3.1.2.3 of the EIS provides a discussion of renewable energy. See the response to comment IND10-5.

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1 on the Millennium pipeline. And I have seen what the
2 Millennium pipeline has done and Precision pipeline and
3 the rest of them that have worked on that 186 mile spread.
4 And I don't see any problems with it. I hear a lot of
5 people, I see a lot of signs here that say oh you know
6 if they're going to take our land by eminent domain. You
7 you know sometimes that's a little bit over the top. You
8 know I've heard about carnivorous plants. You know I've
9 heard about people talking about it's bad for the animals,
10 birds, etc. Duke Energy out in California just got fined
11 for killing 26 bald eagles and 14 golden eagles on their
12 wind farms. You know now I don't think the pipeline is
13 going to pop out of the ground and swat the birds out of
14 the air. So you know, I travel. I work as a laborer. I
15 work on the pipelines. And I don't see a problem, and I
16 would hope that you would give Constitution Pipeline a
17 break and let them work through the area. The people that
18 work the pipelines, they shop in the area. They eat in
19 the area. You know they come up here and they stay in
20 campgrounds. Keota Lake they were in the campgrounds.
21 They were eating out at our restaurants, gas stations.
22 They were in gas stations. They were using our businesses.
23 They were buying lumber. They were buying from hardware
24 stores. So you know sure, short term but I don't see
25 any long term environmental impact because I still live

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1 in Keota Lake, and I still see, spread two where I
2 worked for eight months, and it's pristine. It's
3 beautiful.

4 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds, please.

5 MR. MIKE RICHARDSON: So thank you very
6 much, and I would hope that you would give the Constitution
7 pipeline a consideration. Thanks.

8 MR. MOONEYHAN: David Marsh, Joey
9 Murray, Giuseppe Fiduli?

10 MR. DAVID MARSH: Thank you for having this
11 important meeting. I'm David Marsh, M-A-R-S-H. I am here
12 tonight representing a lot of the union members that you
13 already heard from, many of whom you have not, and thanks
14 for hanging in there, guys and gals. I am speaking on
15 behalf of the Belington Oneonta Building and Construction
16 Trades Council. Labors Local 785 -- I'm sorry. I'm
17 business manager Labors Local 785. I'm actually speaking
18 here tonight in place of Dan Richardson, President of the
19 Bennington Oneonta Building Trades Council who was unable
20 to come. Labors Local 75 is one of 18 Bennington Oneonta
21 Building and Construction Trades Council for the unions.
22 The Bennington Oneonta Buildings Trades Council
23 represents over 3000 union members and their families
24 in Brume, Chenango and Otsego Counties here in New York.
25 Our union members are not only construction workers. We

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1 are homeowners, tax payers, parents, grandparents and
2 members of our local communities. The Constitution
3 pipeline will have both short term and long term positive
4 impacts from an increase in annual property taxes paid by
5 the pipeline. Table 4.9.7-1, page 4-114 summarizes three
6 of the major positive economic impacts for this pipeline
7 and its construction. In New York State, construction
8 payroll is estimated to be \$1.31 million. Annual
9 property taxes are estimated to be \$12.7 million per year,
10 and the cost of purchasing multiple material is estimated
11 to be \$20.3 million. That's economic stimulus by private
12 investment. The Constitution pipeline will bring an
13 estimated 1300 much needed construction jobs to this
14 areas as well as increased jobs related to providing
15 transportation and construction materials and supplies.
16 Construction with the pipeline will be performed by
17 union construction workers. And this I want to clear up
18 is the misconception about local labor. Our national
19 pipeline agreement requires a minimum of 50 percent of
20 the labor force be local union labor ensuring that a
21 substantial portion of the personal income stays in the
22 local communities.

23 MR. MOONEYHAN: 40 seconds, please.

24 MR. DAVID MARSH: Oh. I'll move to the
25 next part. These are quotes from your summary. "No

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PM2-108	<p>1 action alternatives were considered for the -- I'm talking</p> <p>2 about now the NG -- wait. I'll finish up by saying please</p> <p>3 support this project. I'll read my last sentence. The</p> <p>4 Bennington Oneonta Building and Construction Trades</p> <p>5 Council respectfully requests the Constitution Pipeline</p> <p>6 ES be accepted as written and the Federal NG Regulatory</p> <p>7 Commission issuing notice to proceed with construction.</p> <p>8 David Marsh, affiliate of the Bennington Oneonta Building</p> <p>9 Trades Council. Thank you very much, and this will be</p> <p>10 submitted in writing.</p> <p>11 MR. MOONEYHAN: Joel Murray, Giuseppe</p> <p>12 Fiduli, Steven Payne?</p> <p>13 MR. JOEL MURRAY: Hello. My name is Joel</p> <p>14 Murray, J-O-E-L --M-U-R-R-A-Y. Thank you for having me.</p> <p>PM2-109</p> <p>15 I'll say that the draft environmental impact statement is</p> <p>16 woefully inadequate, ignoring the full range of project</p> <p>17 impacts from the distribution and inevitable fracking</p> <p>18 and inevitable continued pipeline development from this</p> <p>19 pipeline. Therefore the draft should be reissued,</p> <p>20 considering the full range of impacts as their mandate</p> <p>21 to do. The question of the very premise of the pipeline</p> <p>PM2-110</p> <p>22 that certain amount of energy will not get to market if</p> <p>23 it's not built, it will certainly just simply take more</p> <p>24 time for energy to get to the existing pipeline system.</p> <p>25 And so it's only this change and slight improvement in</p>

PM2-108 The commentor's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

PM2-109 See response to comment FA1-1. See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

PM2-110 As stated in section 3.2.2 of the EIS, there is not available capacity on existing pipeline systems in the area to meet the projects' need.

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1 the delivery that should be considered against all the
2 negative impacts. I'm a New York State registered
3 architect and well aware of the skills of union laborers
4 and have no doubt that all these gentlemen do a fantastic
PM2-111 5 job on the pipeline. However, it seems to me that it
6 goes through some of the most sensitive environmental
7 areas in the state. And having traveled through some
8 of the country, to me this is the most beautiful area
9 in the country. I just had to see it industrialized.
10 That would be contrary to the existing communities
11 structure. Businesses around me are water bottling
12 plants, cheese shops, dairy farms and maple syrup
13 production. All these depend on a healthy environment.
14 A number of the conclusions of the FERC report I find
PM2-112 15 I have issues with. There is statements that this is
16 not adversely target lower income individuals. However,
17 the route of the pipeline is through areas of the state
18 where the income is two to three times less than other
19 areas of the state where people do not have to worry
20 about the impacts, as in New York City, Downstate, up
21 in Saratoga, even Cougars town area excluded themselves
22 from the possibility of pipeline. Therefore, it's the
23 lower income people in these areas that are going to
PM2-113 24 face the adverse effects. Also the report states that
25 the loss of property value is not supported by the

PM2-111 See the response to comment CO1-1. See the response to comment CO41-23 regarding industrialization.

PM2-112 See the response to comment IND241-1.

PM2-113 See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values. See the response to comment CO1-1.

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PM2-113 cont'd	1 literature and other statements that will not have 2 adverse effects on the environment and the water are 3 just simply not true. It's a short drive to Pennsylvania.
PM2-114	4 Our discussion with Pennsylvania residents shows the 5 harsh reality of living in the world developed with 6 fracking where people can't by their water and they're 7 ashamed to even-- 8 MR. MOONEYHAN: 40 seconds, please. 9 MR. JOEL MURRAY: --state that where they 10 can't even get water at the local Wal-Mart. It's off the 11 shelves. So just thank you for this opportunity. We 12 want these people to have jobs but not at the expense 13 of the entire local environment for all time to be 14 destroyed. Thank you. 15 MR. MOONEYHAN: Giuseppe Fiduli, Steven 16 Payne, Dan Dolezel? 17 MR. GIUSEPPI FIDULI: Good evening. My PM2-115 18 name is Giuseppe Fiduli, F-U-D-U-L-I. I'm a landowner 19 and directly effected by the Constitution pipeline. 20 I oppose the pipeline. I'm a resident on Long Island, 21 and I purchased my property up here about 10 years ago. 22 In the last 10 years I have done extensive improvements 23 to the property, also building a home where me and my 24 wife would like to retire. We come up here for the last 25 five, six years with our kids on vacations. And we hope

PM2-114 See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

PM2-115 The commentor's statements in opposition to the proposed projects are noted.

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1 that one day we'll be able to have also our grandkids to
2 be able to come out and enjoy without worrying about 2000
3 pipelines through my property and my kids or my grandkids
4 or their kids getting sick from it. Everybody tonight
5 is talking about creating jobs. I'm a business owner on
6 Long Island. I know about creating jobs. I have 50
7 employees. I've been in business for 35 years. I know
8 that all these people here, when I first came in, I was
9 very angry when I saw all these orange shirts. And then
10 while I listened to them talking I realized they're all
11 here to protect their job and to protect what they need
12 to do to supply for their family. But come to an expense
13 of people who have worked all their lives and now put
14 their life savings into an investment up here and taking
15 that away from them and their dreams and the freedom that
16 this country is built on. I'm an immigrant. I come from
17 a different country. And one of the things I always
18 admired when I first came here was land of the free and
19 be able to create your opportunity and work hard for what
20 you earn and be able to do what you want. Obviously
21 I say as years go by, this is becoming less and less real
22 because I've never seen anything like this where my
23 livelihood is threatened and my saving are threatened by
24 taking away because of greed of the pipeline company.
25 This has nothing to do with helping Delaware. It has

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See the response to comment CO57-4 regarding health impacts.
See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety.

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PM2-117	1 nothing to do with helping anybody up here. It's only a
	2 mean to destroy the beautiful landscape that we are in
	3 love with and--
	4 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.
	5 MR. GIUSEPPI FIDULI: --destroy our lifestyle.
	6 Thank you.
	7 MR. MOONEYHAN: Steven Payne, Dan Dolezel,
	8 Steve Conners?
	9 MR. STEVEN PAYNE: Hello. I'm Steven Payne,
	10 P-A-Y-N-E. Yeah, I took a lot of ripping in school. I'm
	11 a Federal OSHA safety instructor. I'm a pipeline safety
	12 instructor and a proud member of the Labors Local 785.
	13 Our jurisdiction is nine counties of South Central New
	14 York. This pipeline goes through our side yard. It goes
	15 through our backyard. This is where we raise our families
	16 and where our children play. We have a core of highly
	17 trained experienced pipeline workers. We will ensure
	18 this pipeline is built to last and built safely. I'll
	19 leave you with this parting thought. If someone in this
	20 room had a 60, 70 year old artery going to their heart,
	21 old, corroded, deteriorated, they'd go get it fixed. Let's
	22 put some new pipelines in and take some pressure off the
	23 old ones. I thank you.
	24 MR. MOONEYHAN: Dan, I'm not sure if it's
	25 Miller of Operating Engineers. Loren Mulberry?

PM2-117 The commentor’s statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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PM2-118 | 1 MR. DAN DOLEZEL: Dan Dolezel,
2 D-O-L-E-Z-E-L. Hi. My name is Dan Dolezel. I just
3 spelled it. I'm a local 17 laborer and a local community
4 member. I want to see the Constitution built and see it
5 built union. Building it union will ensure maximum safety
6 for my union brothers and sister, the surrounding
7 communities and its environment. I and other union
8 members have received 80 hours of pipeline safety
9 training are constantly learning safety construction
10 practices. We take this work seriously. I support the
11 DEIS and believe this pipeline will be built safely as
12 long as it is built union. Let's have some local work
13 and build this pipeline in a safe and environmentally
14 sound manner. Thanks.

15 MR. MOONEYHAN: Loren Mulberry, Steven
16 Connors? Loren Mulberry? Mr. Connors?

17 MR. STEVE CONNORS: Good evening.
18 My name is Steve Connors, C-O-N-N-O-R-S. I looked at
19 the DEIS and really was kind of determined what I wanted
20 to say tonight. And I decided to take kind of a personal
21 level because I think that you need to see who some of
22 the homeowners are. So basically I wrote this. This
23 letter is not technical in nature but rather personal. It
24 is a story. My wife and I have been married for 24 years.
25 Like any marriage there have been ups and downs, but I

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1 cannot imagine having to be with anyone else. My wife and
2 I did not have the advantage of having parents that were
3 savvy with finances. Subsequently, neither of us was
4 given good counsel on how to handle money. This resulted
5 in us losing our first house to bankruptcy after six year
6 of paying the mortgage. It's hard to explain to somebody
7 what it feels like to lose a house. Subsequently, it took
8 us 10 years to recover. Living on family property we
9 didn't have a credit card and stuff. And after that
10 period we you know carefully started looking for
11 another home. We learned to be prudent and in the value
12 of living a simple life, and it was learned the hard way.
13 We finally achieved that second house. We spent six
14 years getting settled to the point that it was for
15 growing. This may seem like a minor thing, but its
16 integral to our ability to grow healthy food for our
17 family. And we've also been slowly moving towards
18 growing food for as a small business. My wife and I
19 worked hard all our lives. We've paid taxes, always
20 tried to do the right thing and been honest and fair.
21 This pipeline proposal has stolen one thing from us that
22 we have worked hard for and something -- that's one thing
23 people pay for when they pay for a mortgage and that is
24 peace of mind. The American way is to protect people's
25 rights, supposedly. But eminent domain has been misused

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See response to comment IND13-3 and comment CO47-1 regarding safety. See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain.

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PM2-119 cont'd	<p>1 in the last 10, 20 years in order to augment businesses.</p> <p>2 And I understand there's people out here that they need</p> <p>3 to make a living too. But once again, I'd like to stress</p> <p>4 the point that you can't do it by taking people's land.</p> <p>5 75 percent of the people that are considered effected</p> <p>6 landowners, including myself, has said that they don't</p> <p>7 want it on their property. And our neighbors are fighting</p> <p>8 about it because they are looking at moving a lot of them.</p> <p>9 It's caused stress in our lives on a daily basis. There</p> <p>10 isn't a day that goes by that the thought of the pipeline</p> <p>11 or the discussion of it hasn't been in my house and in</p> <p>12 my neighbor's houses. It's caused a lot of disruption</p> <p>13 already. Constitution -- and I understand -- and this is</p> <p>14 not a denigration on the construction workers because</p> <p>15 I'm sure that they are very stringent in what they do,</p> <p>16 however, they cannot guarantee the total safety of my</p> <p>17 house. We live in a neighborhood with a bunch of little</p> <p>18 kids, and I have kids. I could get a call at work saying</p> <p>19 that my house--</p> <p>20 MR. MOONEYHAN: 40 seconds, please.</p> <p>21 MR. STEVE CONNORS: --has been blown off</p> <p>22 its foundation, and I know the possibility is low, but</p> <p>23 the possibility is there. The other thing I want to</p> <p>PM2-120</p> <p>24 stress real quick is the way the Constitution has dealt</p> <p>25 with us as landowners up until this point has been very</p>

PM2-120 The commentor' statements regarding Constitution are noted.

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PM2-120 cont'd	<p>1 disingenuous. They sent us the paperwork saying that we</p> <p>2 were effectively and noticed the day after your last</p> <p>3 comment period. And then the next day the local</p> <p>4 representative called me.</p> <p>5 MR. MOONEYHAN: Finish your comments, sir.</p> <p>6 MR. STEVE CONNORS: That's not honest. And</p> <p>7 that's the way they do business. So can they promise that</p> <p>8 that they're going to take care of us in the long term?</p> <p>9 I think not. Thank you.</p> <p>10 MR. MOONEYHAN: Barbara Monroe, Rachel</p> <p>11 Polens, Susan Dapkins? Barbara Monroe? Rachel Polens?</p> <p>12 MS. RACHEL POLENS: My name is Rachel Polens,</p>
PM2-121	<p>13 P-O-L-E-N-S. I'm actually going to comment a little</p> <p>14 bit on the DEIS. I'm a member of the Meredith Town Board,</p> <p>15 and it is the duty of town government to ensure roads are</p> <p>16 kept safe, passable and in good repair for all users and</p> <p>17 to safeguard town roads from externalized costs, thereby</p> <p>18 minimizing the property taxes of residents. I object to</p> <p>19 the fact that the DEIS lacks provisions to protect</p> <p>20 neighboring town roads from impacts of heavy traffic</p> <p>21 that would result in bringing supplies to and from</p> <p>22 contractor yards and access roads along the pipeline</p> <p>23 route. Section 4.9.4 Transportation and Traffic states</p> <p>24 "the majority of the pipeline project would be in rural</p> <p>25 areas and most of the roads impacted by the pipeline</p>

PM2-121 See the response to comment LA1-1 and comment CO16-29.

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1 would be county and private roads." What about town
2 roads? By what routes would supplies be transported to
3 work sites? Would they use any town roads? None of this
4 is in the DEIS. It lacks any kind of truck routes. That's
5 what I'm talking about. According to Chapter 6, Section
6 11.3 of the 2011 revised draft supplemental generic
7 environmental impact statement on oil and gas and
8 solution mining, heavy truck traffic generally causes
9 more damage to roads because by some estimates each
10 passing of a single large truck is the equivalent of
11 approximately 9000 passing automobiles. According to
12 the New York Department of Transportation the cost to
13 repair damaged pavement on local roads varies from
14 70,000 to 150,000 per lane mile for low level
15 maintenance such as a single course overlay and up to
16 500,000 to \$1.9 million per lane mile for full depth
17 reconstruction. Externalized project costs of this type
18 are untenable for cash strapped Brume, Chenango, Delaware,
19 Otsego and Schoharie County towns. A revised DEIS should
20 specify use of any and all town roads for any part of the
21 construction process and require the applicant,
22 Constitution Pipeline Company, to pay for a full
23 assessment of these roads by an outside engineering
24 firm before construction begins and pay for all repair
25 and rebuilding of said roads afterward. Thank you very

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	1 much.
	2 MR. MOONEYHAN: Susan Dapkins, Harry
	3 Alberts, James Volks?
	4 MS. SUSAN DAPKINS: My name is Susan Dapkins,
	5 D-A-P-K-I-N-S. I'm a resident of Delaware County, town
PM2-122	6 Meredith. I'd like to express my view that the DEIS is
	7 incomplete. The comment period should be extended and
	8 the applicants should be required to submit additional
	9 materials to document more thoroughly mitigations to the
	10 adverse environmental impacts. In the beginning of the
	11 DEIS, FERC states that the project would have adverse
	12 environmental impacts but concludes that mitigation
	13 measures will render the impacts insignificant.
PM2-123	14 Throughout the DEIS, there are recommendations for
	15 additional mitigation plans and additional requirements
	16 for the applicant. It would seem that all mitigation
	17 plans should be submitted before the DEIS is considered
	18 complete. Some examples of mitigation measure recommended
	19 or requested but obviously not part of FERC's review
	20 process are as follows. And I'm quoting from more or
	21 less from the text of the DEIS. The applicant has not
	22 provided sufficient detail for proposed permanent crossings
	23 of wetlands nor have they provided sufficient justification
	24 for the use of permafil. Site specific plans are needed
	25 for roads crossing wetlands and associated water bodies.

PM2-122 See response to comment FA1-1.

PM2-123 Any information submitted as required prior to the end of the draft EIS comment period was incorporated into this final EIS. See the response to comment FA1-1. Constitution must file any information we requested prior to construction on our e-Library system and would be available to the public. Therefore, all information would be made available for review.

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1 While legal mitigation plans needed, sites specific to
2 blasting plan, including protocols for water blasting is
3 needed. The applicant needs to file a written approval
4 for water withdrawals to the DEC, needs to document any
5 property insurance issues that coordinate with landowners,
6 used to conduct your physical studies to evaluate
7 subsurface conditions at sites where specialized crossing
8 methods are proposed, including wetlands, water bodies and
9 roads. Karst topography. Constitution has not yet
10 indicated whether it would implement all listed
11 potential mitigation measures discussed in its
12 environmental report. FERC recommends Constitution
13 implement mitigation measures upon Karst terrain.
14 Appropriate mitigation plan for special status species
15 needed. Given that the Constitution pipeline will cross
16 19 designated aquifers, 277 water bodies and proposes
17 to fill 13 wetlands permanently, it would seem that
18 complete documentation of measures to mitigate damage
19 should be required before the DEIS can be considered
20 complete. Another area needing additional detailed
21 documentation are plans for the access roads. In looking
22 at the maps included as part--

23 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds, please.

24 MS. SUSAN DAPKINS: Okay. I'm going to

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25 have to shorten this up. Finally, FERC is charged with

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PM2-124 cont'd	<p>1 weighing public necessity and convenience against</p> <p>2 environmental impacts. Given the tremendous pressure on</p> <p>3 natural gas prices, how can the local -- the domestic</p> <p>4 consumer be guaranteed affordable energy for any period</p> <p>5 of time? Thank you.</p> <p>6 MR. MOONEYHAN: James Voltz? Dan Dolezel?</p> <p>7 FEMALE: He spoke already.</p> <p>8 MR. MOONEYHAN: Lois Chernin?</p>
PM2-125	<p>9 MS. LOIS CHERNIN: My name is Lois Chernin,</p> <p>10 C-H-E-R-N-I-N. I live in Otego. I own property there, 64</p> <p>11 acres. Your environmental impact statement, all 945 pages</p> <p>12 of it is replete with mitigation plans. If any problem</p> <p>13 should arise, it seems there will be a fix. Although it</p> <p>14 is entirely sensible that owners should be careful</p> <p>15 regarding their own property. They can speak to their</p> <p>16 own concerns. But what isn't in the statement? It talks</p> <p>17 about how the turtles and snakes will be affected, how the</p> <p>18 vegetation will be impacts, how the pipes rejoin and it</p> <p>19 discusses the merits of putting it in one place versus</p> <p>20 another. But the real question might be what will the</p> <p>21 pipeline really do, because I think that is the real</p> <p>22 problem. Many people have been accustomed to this part</p> <p>23 of New York State being a quiet rural place of easygoing</p> <p>24 quiet people. But the land has lately been largely unused</p> <p>25 and populations are thinning. And there's always a</p>

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PM2-125 cont'd	<p>1 confusion that quietness might be mistaken for acquiescence</p> <p>2 just because people think unused land is normal, not</p> <p>3 everyone would agree. And I believe that is the problem.</p> <p>4 The current appeal of this area is that it is dying.</p> <p>5 Everyone knows of youngsters that don't come back after</p> <p>6 college or leaves soon after marriage. How many people</p> <p>7 have left after retirement tired of the weather and the</p> <p>8 endless taxes? At one time, not so long ago, the hills</p> <p>9 were not covered with woods but with active pastures and</p> <p>10 herds of cows and the lifestyle that required. Snowmobiles</p> <p>11 and ATV's would have had fences and active crop land to</p> <p>12 get in the way. Without more jobs and less taxes there</p> <p>13 will be fewer and fewer people who can or care to stay.</p> <p>14 Although if the pipeline isn't built, the EIS says it</p> <p>15 would take 828 truckloads of natural gas per day every day</p> <p>16 to move the same quantity of gas. Now that would bring</p> <p>17 jobs and a lot of them. But the environmental impact</p> <p>18 would not please many. Carbon dioxide is supposed to be</p> <p>19 a bad thing, and burning gasoline fuels gives off Co2.</p> <p>20 But natural gas is clean burning and it's used as a major</p> <p>21 contributor to our now lowering Co2 levels. And you can</p> <p>22 add into the mixture that natural gas can be burned to</p> <p>23 produce electricity, replacing the coal that is being</p> <p>24 phased out forcefully by Washington. I am sure that we</p> <p>25 all like being able to throw a switch and getting</p>

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1 electricity. We, as a country, are going to have to be
2 able -- are going to be able to prosper -- let me start that
3 again. If we, as a country, are going to be able to
4 prosper, we need to be able to have sufficient energy
5 to live. Relying on foreign countries to supply our needs
6 is foolish, given the realities of world politics.
7 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds, please.
8 MS. LOIS CHERNIN: We have in our power to
9 supply ourselves, as well as other countries, with their
10 own energy. It is cleaner to use than the gasoline we all
11 grew up with and in modern recovery techniques safe to
12 obtain. America could sell energy and remove their hold
13 on Middle East and the Communist countries have on the rest
14 of the world.
15 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please concluded your
16 comments, ma'am.
17 MS. LOIS CHERNIN: One sentence. One last
18 thing, I understand that it might be possible to bring
19 natural gas to the village of Otego. While it won't help
20 me three miles out of town, it would help the schools in
21 lowering the school's fuel bills would lower school taxes
22 and that would help me.
23 MR. MOONEYHAN: Annie Sauter?
24 MS. ANNIE SAUTER: My name is Annie
25 Sauter. Our land, my husband's--

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1 MR. MOONEYHAN: Spell that, please.

2 MS. ANNIE SAUTER: S-A-U-T-E-R. My husband

3 can't be here tonight. He's also a military veteran.

4 He's -- I'm 63 years old. He was injured by a chemicals

5 that got into the water at a U.S. Air Force base at --

6 that got into the water. I was speaking to a guy over

7 here, the Fort Drum guy. Where was the OSHA guy then?

8 But so his kidneys -- where were you? Well anyways, so

9 his kidneys were destroyed. He spent 30 years in constant

10 chronic pain and finally had to have experimental kidney

11 surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. The Air Force denied any

12 knowledge of this until after the bases were close, at

13 which point they became immediate super fund sites. So

14 much for oversight. My opinion, Smedley Butler was right

15 about the military industrial complex, and he's right

16 about the same thing going on with corporations. If we

17 keep being told "trust me" -- my husband, when he finally

18 is able to possibly get back on his feet again, we have

19 a studio, a ceramic studio and a forge right -- it was

20 going through -- I can't tell from the new maps whether or

21 not it's going through our land or not. If it's not,

22 it's going through -- it was going through our land

PM2-126 23 originally. If it's not, it's on a hillside above our

24 land. Our studio is between the Susquehanna River and

25 our culvert that comes down the mountain that blocks the

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Our assessment of this parcel can be found in section 3.4.3.2 of the EIS.

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1 road up to Otego is almost continually a retirement range,
2 flooded out, mudded, filled with rocks and soil, and if
3 there was a -- I'm sure If there was a pipeline up there
4 it would either be in our backyard or broken. The idea
5 that these things can be guaranteed safe is ridiculous.
6 I mean we hear almost every five minutes there's another
7 government inspected facility that's gone kapooie. Look
8 at WHIP. You look what happened just in WHIP? Oh, that
9 was supposed to last 15,000 years. Well first they lied
10 and say nothing escaped. Then they say oh well a little
11 escaped. Now it's like I think it's up to 17 people are
12 entirely contaminated with radiation. Now we know if
13 you live around here you know you get your house tested
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14 for radon. Our house tested really high. We had to have
15 our house mitigated. You bring that stuff up, that gas
16 up and fracking is going to come. Anybody who thinks
17 that's not going to happen is crazy. So and the gas
18 from Pennsylvania, who knows if it's radioactive? Are
19 we going to be guaranteed that gas isn't radioactive
20 going through there? You want that pumped into your
21 school, radioactive gas? You want your school here
22 with radon? You'll be glowing in the dark. But anyway,
23 so I'm saying I don't want to trust anybody. Fossil fuels
24 -- one sec.
25 MR. MOONEYHAN: 40 seconds, please.

PM2-127 See the response to comment LA5-6 regarding radon. See the response to comment FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

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PM2-128	<p>1 MS. ANNIE SAUTER: Fossil fuels are no</p> <p>2 good. It only makes money. I lived in Kansas. I've</p> <p>3 seen gas and oil. I've seen what happens when they</p> <p>4 come in. I've seen what happens when they leave, and</p> <p>5 it's ugly. They leave. The inspectors are gone.</p> <p>6 Everything is gone. All that's left is the chemicals</p> <p>7 in the ground, the poisoned wells, the poisoned people</p> <p>8 and the poisoned dirt.</p> <p>9 MR. MOONEYHAN: Kristina Turechek?</p> <p>10 MS. KRISTINA TURECHEK: Kristina with a K</p> <p>11 and T-U-R-E-C-H-E-K. I'm not on this pipeline. I have</p> <p>12 one down the road from me. It hasn't caused any trouble</p> <p>13 except I guess last year they were fixing it and the</p> <p>14 roads were full of trucks for several weeks. But nothing</p> <p>15 terrible happened. Thank goodness. I guess I'm lucky</p> <p>16 because quite a few people said some of the things that</p> <p>17 I was going to say tonight, especially with regards to</p> <p>18 mitigation actually not being possible. If something</p> <p>19 dies, how do you mitigate? And I'll lose creatures who</p> <p>20 can't speak for themselves. Anyway, this is really all</p> <p>21 I need to say tonight. This is called the great law of</p> <p>22 the Iroquois, "In every deliberation we must consider the</p> <p>23 impact on the seventh generation, even if it requires</p> <p>24 having skin as thick as the bark of a pine." You have</p> <p>25 a lot to do, a lot to think about, and I hope you do</p>

PM2-128 The commentor’s statements regarding fossil fuels are noted.

PM2-129 See the response to comment CO1-1 and CO1-2 regarding impacts.

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1 think seven generations ahead. Thank you.

2 MR. MOONEYHAN: Rachel Soper, Elizabeth

3 Nields?

4 MS. ELIZABETH NIELDS: My name is Elizabeth

PM2-130 5 Nields spelled N-I-E-L-D-S. Many of us in Otsego County
6 have worked very hard to obtain bans for our towns and
7 villages. We were afraid for our safety, the safety of
8 our children. We fear pollution of our water and the loss
9 of quality of life. I'm sure you know about the
10 radioactivity of the Marsalis shale and of the dangerous
11 chemicals that are often used in drilling. I'm sure you
12 know of the noise produced by compressor stations and
13 heavy truck traffic. I'm particularly concerned about
14 the cumulative impacts such in 4.13.1, Marsalis shale
15 development. The pipeline would make it more convenient
16 to develop shale deposits in our county and in neighboring
17 counties. It would encourage what we have worked so
18 hard to prevent. Our nation's resources should be spent
19 on developing renewable energy. I have been told that
20 the pipe may end up at a seaport and then the gas could
21 then be sent abroad. If this happens, we will be using
22 up what's some have called a bridge fuel. We will only
23 seek to export and consume more and more natural gas
24 and consequently we could become even more dependent on
25 gas for manufacturer's profit and for a fuel. WE will

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See the response to comment LA5-6 regarding radon. See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing. See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export. Noise and air emissions from compressor stations are discussed in section 4.11.2 of the EIS. See the response to comment LA9-4 regarding natural gas reserves.

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PM2-130 cont'd	1 need to drill more and more. And since our supply is 2 limited, eventually we would become more dependent 3 on foreign gas and oil, meanwhile we would jeopardize 4 our most important resource; clean air, water and the 5 soils. And I hope you'll pay particularly attention to
PM2-131	6 the letter from OCCA dated March 28 because they talk 7 a lot about the dangers to the environment. Thank you. 8 MR. MOONEYHAN: John Alishauskas? 9 I'm reading for Rachel 10 Soper. You skipped her. 11 MR. MOONEYHAN: Okay, go ahead. Your name, 12 sir? 13 MR. MICHAEL STOLZER: My name is Michael 14 Stolzer. Rachel Soper's name is spelled S-O-P-E-R. 15 The draft EIS states, "The conclusions in the EIS are 16 based on our analysis of the environmental impact and 17 the following assumptions, first one being the applicants 18 would comply with all applicable laws and regulations." 19 The DEP issued a 19 page penalty report documenting in 20 detail that Williams midstream service is a previous -- 21 had previously cited violations that went un-remediated 22 and the same violations were repeated again and again at 23 almost every one of their sites. According to the 24 Pennsylvania DEP's public compliance report, Williams' 25 Company through a three pipeline subsidiaries had more

PM2-131 See the responses to letter CO16.

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1 fines in 2013 than any other oil or gas company in the
2 state. The following violations were reported over and
3 over. One, failure to implement, maintain the erosion
4 and sediment best management practices required to
5 minimize and prevent accelerated erosion and
6 sedimentation. Two, failure to provide an erosion and
7 sediment plan. Three, failure to provide adequate soil
8 stabilization. Four, creating a danger of pollution in
9 waters of the commonwealth in violation of the Clean
10 Stream laws. Five, allowing a sediment to enter a water
11 of the commonwealth. Six, pollution discharge into the
12 waters of the commonwealth in violation of the Clean
13 Streams law. Beyond their clear record of environmental
14 and safety violations which I find it difficult to believe
15 in anything Williams has to say given that the company
16 has paid nearly \$2 billion, that's with a B, to
17 governmental authorities to settle allegations of
18 market manipulation, intentionally manipulating
19 natural gas prices and violating the Unfair
20 Competition Act. Following our additional noteworthy
21 violations; failure to comply with approved ESCGP1
22 erosion sediment control for the project in violation
23 of the Clean Streams law, failure to obtain erosion
24 and sediment controlled general permit for an
25 additional access road. The department staff noted

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PM2-132	1 states marking on wetland crossing the area but none
	2 of the plan maps showed any wetlands. The following
	3 DEP instructors comments thumbs up the entire 19 page
	4 report in a nutshell stating that these violations,
	5 "have been continuously noted in previous inspections
	6 and have not resolved as of the date of this inspection."
	7 MR. MOONEYHAN: 40 seconds, sir.
	8 MR. MICHAEL STOLZER: Well this could go
	9 on for a long time. And as it says here, I could go on
	10 all night. However, I will conclude by saying, conclusions
PM2-133	11 based on the assumptions that the applicants would
	12 comply with all applicable laws and regulations are
	13 completely and totally invalid.
	14 MR. MOONEYHAN: John Alishauskas?
	15 MR. JOHN ALISHAUSKAS: Hi. I'm John
	16 Alishauskas. That's John, J-O-H-N, Alishauskas is
	17 A-L-I-S-H-A-U-S-K-A-S. I have a 500 acre farm. I worked
	18 in the waste industry to try to support my farm with
	19 organics, and I also have a Class 3A waste treatment
	20 license. I was certified for 4A, have an engineering
	21 background. I talk on Truth Radio six days a week
	22 because of things that are going on. I was hurt back
	23 in '92. I had a 10 ton bulldozer fall on me and blow
	24 my head up like a balloon. And I was able to talk from
	25 out of my body, and I was kind of given an ability to

PM2-132 See the response to comment FA4-12 and comment CO42-33.

PM2-133 The commentor's statements are noted.

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1 find a lot of truth. So anyhow, we talk on what I call
2 Truth Radio. I have a piece of equipment here. The
3 patent number is 3,693,731 which is a boring machine
4 that's powered by nuclear power. It bores seven miles a
5 day through solid rock. It melts the rock out, pushes
6 it into the parameter of it and forms a seal like a glass
7 seal and drains the rest of its life. And you could bore
8 a hole directly straight under the ground, miss everybody
9 that's complaining about their land, go directly under
10 hills, cut down the volume of pipe needed, have a hole
11 that's accessible so that the pipe that's in the hole is
12 serviceable, without having to excavate or anything.
13 There's lots of positive things that could come from that.
14 Michael Faraday, the father of electric back in 1820's
15 predicted that we'd be able to behold the sunspot
16 activity from the solar setup and that would create high
17 carbonization in the atmosphere which a lot of people
18 are telling us, "Oh boy, if we have a little gas escape,
19 this could be really terrible." But from what he
20 predicted, and we feel the sun on our face is extremely
21 hot and verifies and also is verified in the National
22 Geographic films and whatnot, that we're losing
23 tremendous tons of -- megatons of natural gas from the
24 ocean, the tundra and the expanding the gas in the
25 ground. It's a problem that's coming at us. WE have

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1 people that say, "Oh, we've got gas in our well now.
2 It's natural." It is. But as you have an expansion from
3 heat, the gas is expanding. It's going to come to the
4 surface. So we have a problem that's coming at us.
5 Being in the waste treatment industry in the old days
6 is you developed a law because of a problem. It was kind
7 of a mitigated law that became law and you couldn't get
8 around it. It got to be a definite law. Today we're
9 finding out that -- just in the for instance, have you
10 ever read a 10,000 page book? No. Could you write a
11 10,000 page book in a week? No. Well that tells you
12 that the Patriot Act was illegally ratified. And I don't
13 there's a trooper here in this building that's ever read
14 it. So we got so many laws with the other 40,000 laws
15 made the last two years and the other millions of laws
16 and all this stacks up of rules and regulations we have
17 common sense. We have a problem. Mr. -- I can't think of
18 his name.

19 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds, please.

20 MR. JOHN ALISHAUSKAS: Of the Catskill
21 farm, he says he's off the grid but his clothes are
22 built with fuel and truck with fuel. He drove here with
23 fuel. He's not telling the truth fully that he's not
24 living in our means. So is the law today -- if you're
25 in the waste treatment industry and have Class 364 permits

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PM2-133 cont'd	<p>1 and whatnot, they have a new regulation now. It's no</p> <p>2 longer, "Oh you follow the rule". It's like you have</p> <p>3 a political game you play.</p> <p>4 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please conclude your</p> <p>5 comments, sir.</p> <p>6 MR. JOHN ALISHAUSKAS: And you have to play</p> <p>7 that political dance which is much harder, and again, it's</p> <p>8 not truthful. So anyhow, I can go on for a long time.</p> <p>9 There's a law, U.S. 50, Article 38, Section 1520. This</p> <p>10 is the law that control the weather and poison us. Who's</p> <p>11 really poisoning us?</p> <p>12 MR. MOONEYHAN: Thank you. Robert Kerley?</p> <p>13 Ellen Polk? Robert Kerley?</p> <p>14 MR. ROBERT KERLEY: Robert Kerley,</p> <p>15 K-E-R-L-E-Y, a resident of Schoharie County, New York.</p>
PM2-134	<p>16 I'm opposed to the Constitution pipeline. I think that</p> <p>17 pretty much sums up my personal comments. I know</p> <p>18 people in Schoharie County whose land this pipeline</p> <p>19 is proposed to go through. They're very afraid of the</p>
PM2-135	<p>20 pipeline. They're opposed to it as well. I think in</p> <p>21 terms of comments, obviously the greatest environmental</p> <p>22 impact is if humans are killed from the pipeline if there's</p> <p>23 ever an explosion. Again, as someone said before, that</p> <p>24 cannot be mitigated. I think that the probably there</p> <p>25 was a lot of comment tonight on jobs, on union job</p>

PM2-134 The commentator's statements in opposition to the proposed projects are noted.

PM2-135 See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety.

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1 creation, things like that. Ultimately this is not
2 a commerce department hearing or national labor relations
3 board hearing or anything else like that. This is an
4 Energy Department hearing. We're working on pipeline here,
5 and it's not the job of FERC or the Energy Department to
6 create jobs for union halls ultimately. Probably this area
7 is in something almost like a long wave economic cycle,
8 maybe something from 70 and 90 year cycle. As someone
9 else said, this is not Texas and ultimately these are
10 rural areas of the Northeast will probably rebound without
11 going into some type of quick turnaround energy play,
12 fracking shale gas plate type of thing. I think in terms
13 of FERC itself and the Energy Department, that there's
14 something very power vested regulatorially and FERC
15 and I have spoken before about how probably their needs
16 to be an overhaul of the entire natural gas scheme in
17 this country as is federally regulated through your
18 Department, through the Energy Department. That hasn't
19 really happened yet. I think that ultimately there's
20 not a lot of good that can come out of this. This is
21 mostly seems to be probably some type of under the table,
22 off the books transnational political play between the U.S.
23 and Canada to try to build the last work of segmented
24 pipelines to try to form TransCanadian--
25 MR. MOONEYHAN: 40 seconds, please.

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PM2-136	1 MR. ROBERT KERLEY: Okay. There's probably 2 some type of ultimate motive to form some type of 3 Transcontinental pipelines up to the Coast between 4 Boston and the maritime provinces to try to export all 5 the two liquid natural gas. It would actually go against 6 your regulatory scheme and make this entire thing 7 unnecessary and inconvenient. 8 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please conclude your 9 comments, sir. 10 MR. ROBERT KERLEY: Thank you. 11 MR. MOONEYHAN: Loddie Marsh? 12 MS. LODDIE MARSH: Hello. My name is Loddie 13 Marsh, M-A-R-S-H. I'm an affected landowner and 14 intervener. Is pipeline a step towards renewal? Far PM2-137 15 from it. The pipeline and fracking are ongoing threats. 16 Fossil fuels have reached the point where they can only 17 be produced by using methods that are extreme, costly and 18 dangerous to our rural communities. Ironically, Cabot 19 Williams started off with the slick marketing to name PM2-138 20 their pipeline Constitution. This profit driven 21 corporation behind the pipeline threatens to use 22 eminent domain to seize our private property in Delaware 23 and three other New York counties in order to ship fracked 24 gas to urban and foreign markets. For anyone who loves 25 their land, woods and water bodies and is lucky enough

PM2-136 See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export.

PM2-137 See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

PM2-138 See the response to comment FA8-3. See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export.

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PM2-139 1 to appreciate and enjoy their values, think about this,
2 nearly all the pipeline route would cross fragile and
3 difficult terrain including 36 miles of woods, 277 rivers,
4 ponds and streams. 35.1 miles of steep and side slopes
5 which will contribute to additional flooding. 45.4 miles
6 of shallowed bedrock which will require blasting in over
7 10.7 miles of wetlands, critical to ecological processes.
8 The proposed pipeline is slighted to travel through 555.3
9 acres of prime farmland and 33.4 miles in agricultural
10 districts. Other impacts to think about is the clear
PM2-140 11 cutting of hundreds of thousands of trees, the use of
12 herbicides to maintain the clear cut areas, the
PM2-141 13 restrictions to your land, the noise and structural
14 damage from blasting and jackhammers or town water and
15 personal wells being contaminated from the blasting,
PM2-142 16 the degradation of our water quality and the additional
17 pass this project will create for storm runoff.
PM2-143 18 According to New York Governor's office on 1-9-13,
19 there is 100 year flood every two years now. Think
20 of the increase and flooding should this project go
21 through. The invasion and destruction of Upstate
22 New York only profits big corporations and sold out
23 politicians who want to get the last dollar out of an
24 obsolete industry by desperate and dangerous efforts.
25 Cabot Williams purposefully picks union workers. They

PM2-139 Sensitive resources, as well as potential impacts and mitigation, are discussed in the EIS for interior forest (section 4.5.3), waterbodies (section 4.3.3), steep slopes (sections 2.3.2, and 4.1.3; appendix G), shallow bedrock (sections 2.3.1 and 4.1.3; appendix I), wetlands (section 4.4 and appendix L), air quality (section 4.11.1), and farmland/agriculture (sections 2.3.2, 4.2, 4.8.4 and appendix J). See the response to comment IND113-1 regarding flooding.

PM2-140 See the response to comment IND341-12 regarding the use of herbicides along the right-of-way.

PM2-141 See the response to comment IND110-6 regarding water wells.

PM2-142 See the response to comments LA8-3 and IND116-1 regarding water quality. See the response to comment IND169-1 regarding erosion.

PM2-143 See the response to comment IND113-1 regarding flooding.

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1 bus them in. They buy them t-shirts. They give them hats.
2 Union workers against landowners by fabricating the
3 potential for jobs. According to the EIS, this pipeline
4 will only create seven permanent jobs.

5 MR. MOONEYHAN: 40 seconds, please.

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6 MS. LODDIE MARSH: Cabot Williams lies by
7 omission. Ask about the missing compressor stations
8 purposefully omitted from the EIS. Think about what we
9 have to lose. The profit is not ours. The damage left
10 behind is ours.

11 MR. MOONEYHAN: Janice Craguolin?

12 MS. JANICE CRAGNOLIN: Good evening. My
13 name is Janice Craguolin. That's C-R-A-G-N-O-L-I-N. I'm
14 speaking on behalf of myself and my family, my mother, Dr.
15 Alicia Pagano, P-A-G-A-N-O who is an intervener for FERC.
16 I'm speaking off the cuff tonight. I didn't plan to speak,
17 but I feel it's really important because I've been reading
18 a lot of things that I feel are very disturbing. One of
19 the facts that I just read was the cost to the State of
20 Texas done by the oil industry, the rigs, the trucks, the
21 construction trucks that were on the road costs the state
22 \$4.3 billion. They were able to recover \$1.8 billion in
23 taxes. So that left a significant gap in the amount of
24 money that they -- that the industry cost the infrastructure
25 just so the highway, the interstate infrastructure that

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PM2-145 1 was never recovered. That means the taxpayers have to
2 pick it up. Now what happens here in New York State when
3 the Constitution construction equipment comes through our
4 communities? We live on a county road, on a county
5 highway. Our house is about 30 feet from the road. And
6 what happens after truck after truck has rolled through
7 there and done the damage that 9,000 cars will do every
8 time one truck goes through? And they do that for eight
9 months. Who's going to pay for the damage for that? If
10 the pipeline goes through, there's a good possibility we
11 will leave because it will go through our neighbors
12 land, the one who just spoke. It goes through her land.
13 And it's hard to watch your neighbors live in -- with the
14 distress of not knowing what they're going to do. I don't
15 know what plan there is in the DEIS for how you compensate
16 people for their emotional angst for what they're
17 experiencing knowing this is happening in their lives.
18 We -- this is a four generation. This farm has been in
19 our family now for four generations, and we want to keep
20 it. I know the job issue is a shortage. There are a
21 shortage of jobs here in Upstate New York. I work in
22 Oster County and I live here. I live here in Delaware
23 county. And it's an issue that we have to find other
24 ways to deal with, and I know that's not your
25 responsibility. But it is part of the bigger picture.

PM2-145 See the response to comment LA1-1 regarding road repairs.

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PM2-146 1 I know if we have to sell, we will not be able to get --
2 somebody will not be able to get a mortgage for our
3 property. We are within that proximity to a gas
4 pipeline. And if we decide to stay because we can't
5 get a mortgage, we won't be able to get homeowner's
6 insurance because we're that close. These are things
7 that I would request that FERC look into, how this is
8 going to be handled in the long run. And I'll come back
9 to I think the thing that's most important--
10 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.
11 MS. JANICE CRAGNOLIN: thank you -- is our
12 quality of life, how this is affecting the people who
13 actually live here, not the people who are shipped in
14 because they have the consequence of jobs. And yes, that's
15 important. The jobs are important. But I want to live
16 here for the rest of my life. I would like my daughter
17 to live here too. I would like her kids to be able to
PM2-147 18 live here. It's about these families that are here
19 forever that are going to have to deal with the impact
20 of a pipeline that comes through and the potential for
21 fracking that will probably come through. Thank you for
22 your consideration.
23 MR. MOONEYHAN: Clark Rhoades?
24 MR. CLARK RHOADES: My name is Clark
25 Rhoades, R-H-O-A-D-E-S. What I'm going to -- what you are

PM2-146 See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values.

PM2-147 The commentor's opposition to the proposed projects is noted.
See the response to comment FA4-45 regarding hydraulic
fracturing.

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1 going to hear tonight are potential jobs and potential
2 economic benefits. But also weigh the potential downsides
3 of victims, both of those from explosions and anxiety of
4 anyone near the pipeline at any time. At the time of the
5 explosion at El Paso, a 30 inch pipeline that was operating
6 at 675 PSI, which would give you a potential impact radius
7 of 537 feet. You got 138 feet further away at 675 feet
8 there were 12 people camping, all died even though their
9 river was only 100 feet away. Six died so quickly that
10 some didn't even get out of their vehicles. And the
11 children were left in their playpens. The six that were
12 able to jump over the river were so badly burned that they
13 died horribly. The firemen who came to rescue the victims
14 were so traumatized by the degree of burns -- that the
15 victims looked like mummies in agony in the river were
16 able -- who were to die -- sued the El Paso pipeline for
17 psychological trauma. Statements from the firefighters
18 and victims where the responders heard the screams from
19 the direction of the river, three firefighters under the
20 command of Fire Chief Michael Shan, ran towards the
21 screams. And Miranda told the firefighters told them
22 she and Kirsten had been sleeping in the pickup when
23 her husband Terry woke her up and told her to run for
24 the river. She was already on fire when she jumped out
25 of the truck with Kirsten. Kelly Kicks, Lieutenant, was

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1 already climbing out with five year old Kirsten in his
2 arms. Together the two got badly burned girl in the
3 ambulance and said "dad" inside the ambulance. Filled
4 with the smell of burned flesh and hair they worked to
5 support the child to the deathly trip to the carlsbad.
6 Both recall she was still conscious for much of the 30
7 mile trip crying and talking to them of her banging.

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8 What can we conclude from comparing the El Paso pipeline
9 to the Constitutional pipeline? The difference between
10 the pressure at the time the El Paso explosion, had the
11 Constitution pipeline which is 219 percent higher. That
12 means that the minimum kill zone of the Constitutional
13 pipeline are the same conditions of the El Paso
14 pipeline explosion would have been 4,435 feet. The
15 approximate crater resulting from a rupture of the
16 Constitution pipeline would be 212 feet wide and 248 feet
17 long. Death from the pipeline explosion is good. It's
18 quick but bad if it takes a while. I am an intervener
19 of the Constitution pipeline.

20 MR. MOONEYHAN: 40 second's

21 MR. CLARK RHOADES: And believe that the
22 project should be stopped as the potential impact radius
23 is unrealistic at a public relations document of the gas
24 industry and needs to be changed to reflect reality and
25 not the gas industries greed. Thank you.

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See the response to comment IND498-1 regarding safety and the impact radius.

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1 MR. MOONEYHAN: Epifanio Bevilacqua?

2 Marc Wishengrad?

3 MR. EPIFANIO BEVILAIQUA: I'm Epifanio

4 Bevilacqua from Franklin New York. I'm also a union member.

5 MR. MOONEYHAN: Can you spell that, please?

6 MR. EPIFANIO BEVILACQUA: E-P-I-F-A-N-I-O,

7 Epifanio Bevilacqua, B-E-V-I-L-A-C-Q-U-A. I'm also a

8 union of Local 79. And I see what they need but I would

9 look at us. I drove up and down anyway to go to work. I

10 went to the city. I'm 17 years. So I wouldn't want

11 bloodshed on my hands from my neighbors and my community.

12 And I wouldn't do it. And I had a lease and I got rid

PM2-149 13 of them. Don't want them nowhere in New York. I want a

14 ban. I want a Constitution pipeline, both pipelines

15 stopped and none at all being made. We should go to

16 renewable energy, solar panels and other amenities. Thank

17 you.

18 MR. MOONEYHAN: Marc Wishengrad?

19 MR. MARC WISHENGRAD: Hello. Marc, M-A-R-C

20 Wishengrad, W-I-S-H-E-N-G-R-A-D. I spoke yesterday, so

21 I'd like to add something that I missed about how political

22 this thing, this pipeline seems to be. There is something

23 that is trying to be pushed through Congress by the

24 President and with marketing groups to try to promote it.

25 It's called the TPP, Trans Pacific Partnership, which means

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The commentor's opposition is noted. Section 3.1.2.3 of the EIS provides a discussion of renewable energy.

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PM2-150	1 that it would be that we would not be able to sue a
	2 organization to protect their shareholders, a company,
	3 that is actually, you know, polluting our drinking water
	4 or doing something that could affect our lives. So if it
	5 would affect the stockholders, then we wouldn't be allowed
PM2-151	6 to hurt a company. That's like almost saying that
	7 someone could be allowed to murder somebody, but we
	8 wouldn't be able to prosecute them. Now why are
	9 corporations allowed to take our lives and our livelihoods
	10 and potential for me personally to have an organic farm
PM2-152	11 on my property which would be 200 feet from a pipeline?
	12 And which if it ruptures or if there's an explosion, you
	13 know, not to mention dying, it could devastate. Let me say
	14 something else that I'm concerned about. The -- this is
	15 compressed gas that other people are talking about
PM2-153	16 pipelines in Alaska which was oil and things that are
	17 not under so much pressure with these welding seals.
	18 And once it's underground this oxygen is depleted from
	19 the soil and that is what is the beginning of life.
	20 And there is so many streams and wetlands around my
	21 neighborhood and throughout the 150 feet of the
	22 proposed pipeline that would be effected by this
	23 pressurized gas going through these lines that I can't
	24 imagine how they can protect that leakage into the
	25 atmosphere, into the ground atmosphere. And there is

PM2-150 See the response to comment IND11-1 regarding organic lands.

PM2-151 See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety.

PM2-152 See the response to comment IND498-1.

PM2-153 Sensitive resources, as well as potential impacts and mitigation, are discussed in the EIS for waterbodies (section 4.3.3) and wetlands. See the response to comment SA6-1 regarding methane leakage.

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1 also something called -- a geologist who I think has
2 submitted comments has spoke about which is migration,
3 which means near the pipeline, yeah you think that's the
4 only thing that's going to be effected? No, it can go
5 seven miles, probably more, you know, through geothermal,
6 geological underground streams. This is -- then we have
7 the compressor station which of course has you know bad
8 bad air quality for us. And you know I just I came up
9 here to really enjoy this beautiful land, and I know that
10 people--

11 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds, please.

12 MR. MARC WISHENGRAD: Thank you. I know
13 that the people who are in FERC are individuals and humans
14 and can understand that we are people too, and we all
15 need to find a way to have energy in our lives so we can
16 survive but I don't think that this gas line with the high

PM2-154 17 pressure is the way to provide -- you know, fossil fuels
18 should be on the way out. And that's about what I have
19 to say. I just wish you guys to consider that there are
20 other alternatives that could also create jobs. Thank you.

21 MR. MOONEYHAN: Ray Lewis? Colleen McKinney?

22 MR. RAY LEWIS: Ray, L-E-W-I-S. What really
23 got my attention tonight and stuck out like a sore thumb
24 is that about 95 percent of those people supporting this
25 pipeline were bussed in union members. And they supported

PM2-154 The commentor's opposition to the proposed projects is noted. Section 3.1.2.3 of the EIS provides a discussion of renewable energy.

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PM2-155	<p>1 this project solely for the supposed jobs. In fact, the</p> <p>2 back of their shirts sum it up. Our jobs depend on the</p> <p>3 line. Now correct me if I'm wrong. The purpose of FERC</p> <p>4 in regards to this project is not to create union jobs.</p> <p>5 The purpose of FERC in regards to this project is to</p> <p>6 determine a need so great to a national interest that it</p> <p>7 necessitates taking people's land. Again, FERC, a Federal</p> <p>8 Agency has nothing to do with creating local union jobs.</p> <p>9 Local -- the creation of jobs rests with a number of</p> <p>10 different local agencies, but it does not rest with</p> <p>11 FERC. Thank you.</p> <p>12 MR. MOONEYHAN: Colleen McKinney? Barbara</p> <p>13 Loeffler?</p>
PM2-156	<p>14 MS. COLLEEN MCKINNEY: Hi. My name is</p> <p>15 Colleen McKinney, M-C-K-I-N-N-E-Y. I'm a landowner in</p> <p>16 Sydney. I have 48 acres, and the original proposed</p> <p>17 pipeline route ran across my property. Not it runs</p> <p>18 adjacent. But I don't think it should run through</p> <p>19 anyone's property. For the past eight years my</p>
PM2-157	<p>20 husband and I have invested all of our savings in our</p> <p>21 land and house. We have planted fruit trees, nut trees,</p> <p>22 built an organic garden. WE keep several beehives and</p> <p>23 have plans to expand our organic honey operation. We</p> <p>24 love this land. Many of our neighbors have similar</p> <p>25 financial commitments and emotional ties to their land.</p>

PM2-155 The commentor’s statements regarding jobs are noted.

PM2-156 The commentor’s opposition to the proposed projects is noted.

PM2-157 See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values.
See the response to comment IND157-2 regarding responsibility
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1 Like us, they have worked and saved to afford what they
2 have, land that they hope to preserve and enjoy their
3 whole lives and for future generations. This is
4 regarding the impact the pipeline would have on
5 property insurance and homeland values -- home and land
6 values. The DEIS claimed the impacts were unclear and
7 recommended a wait and see approach. This is vague,
8 inadequate and unfair to the hundreds of landowners
9 along an adjacent to the pipeline route. I called my
10 insurance company, which is called USAA, two weeks ago.
11 In case you're not familiar with it, USAA is available
12 to all members of the U.S. Military, both active and
13 retired and their children. The representative I spoke
14 to said we would be reassessed if a pipeline is built.
15 She said, "You don't want this on your property. Liability
16 would be a problem." In an attempt to ease my worries,
17 she said, "But if the pipeline were changed again and did
18 cross our property, by law USAA cannot cancel our policy."
19 However, she said our premium would likely increase
20 possible by a lot. She also suggested, trying to be
21 helpful, splitting the property into two parcels and
22 selling the pipeline portion to Constitution. As we
23 all know, however, Constitution has no interest in
24 purchasing land outright, only using it for their
25 economic gain and letting landowners deal with the

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1 adverse financial and environmental consequences.
2 The DEIS should clearly state how or if Constitution
3 would compensate landowners who face skyrocketing
4 premiums as a result of this pipeline. Regarding
5 property values, the following three points come from
6 the forensic appraisal group based in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
7 The company's president has complete, quote, 18 studies
8 on the impact of natural gas transmission pipelines on
9 property value. One, the effect of a pipeline running
10 across your property could diminish its value by, "as
11 little as 50 percent of the easement land value--
12 MR. MOONEYHAN: 40 seconds, please.
13 MS. COLLEEN MCKINNEY: --were up to 30 or
14 more percent of the whole property value. The short of it
15 is, a pipeline will decrease the value of your property.
16 And I'll go onto number three, he says, "There is not
17 upside to having a pipeline easement on a property.
18 Thank you.
19 MR. MOONEYHAN: Barbara Loeffler?
20 MS. BARBARA LOEFFLER: Barbara Loeffler,
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21 B-A-R-B-A-R-A L-O-E-F-F-L-E-R. I just would like to say
22 that, for the most part, most of us believe that the only
23 necessity for this pipeline is for Cabot Williams to be
24 able to come into New York and frack us. There's no reason
25 for the pipeline to exist except to -- because they can't

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1 come here and frack first, otherwise they'll have to build
2 another whole pipeline if this one's already full, which
3 is not the truth because it's an open access pipeline. So
4 when they build the pipeline, they will have a field day
5 with the fracking because they've already got a delivery
6 system, which they absolutely have to have in order to
7 frack New York. All the wells that they're drilling in
8 Pennsylvania, they're all going to peter out over the
9 next 10 years. Maybe some of them go after two years. So
10 they have to keep moving further and further down the
11 line and keep this going. I'm a person that believes in
12 renewable energy which is the sun, the wind and water. I
13 have a 5K solar system that cost me a lot of money to
14 put in, and I'm not one of the rich people or famous
15 either. Maybe notorious but not famous. I would also
16 like to make a comment about Amphenol and some of these
17 corporations that, to me, they seem to appear to have some
18 kind of insider knowledge that this big pipeline was
19 going to come. Why else would they make that part of
20 their deal to stay in Sydney? And I also question what
21 are they doing about flooding? Like we're not having
22 anymore floods? And they're still where they are? So
23 what are their flood mitigation? If they are getting all
24 the cheap gas and they get flooded out again, does that
25 mean they're going to leave? And the thousand jobs that

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See the response to comment LA9-4 regarding natural gas reserves. Section 3.1.2.3 of the EIS provides a discussion of renewable energy.

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PM2-160 1 they keep taunting us with, what about the thousands of
2 people that are going to lose the value of their
3 property? Things that they saved money -- I worked 30
4 years driving a school bus so I could come here and
5 retire and enjoy my retirement. And instead I'm fighting
6 some kind of a battle that I was told is a losing battle.
7 When I went to those prior, whatever you want to call them,
8 whatever. A man with a laptop told me, "Well you know even
9 though they're not on your land anymore, they probably
10 could come back there if they really have to. And the
11 ironic thing is they did move it off my land only because
12 my husband is actually--

13 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please finish your comments,
14 ma'am.

15 MS. BARBARA LOEFFLER: okay. I'm finishing up.
16 And ironically where they moved it to is now closer to my
17 house than it was before when it was on my property. Thank
18 you.

19 MR. MOONEYHAN: Tom Tudy? William Huston?

PM2-161 20 MR. WILLIAM HUSTON: I heard the end last
21 night when I got cut off. I was just describing that the
22 Constitution pipeline is going to require 110 new gas
23 wells initially and 80 new gas wells per year after that
24 to keep it filled. That's 650,000 dekatherms per day.
25 Cabot is already drilling 100 new wells additionally per

PM2-160 See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values.

PM2-161 See the response to comment FA4-45 regarding hydraulic
fracturing and gas wells.

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1 year anyways. So the Constitution Pipeline is
2 approximately going to double Cabot's activity in
3 Northeast Pennsylvania which is both upwind and upstream
4 from me. So I'm very concerned about those impacts,
5 which, by the way, are not in the DEIS because FERC uses
6 the incorrect argument that because FERC doesn't permit to
7 gas well drilling that FERC has no jurisdiction over gas
8 well impacts. However, you are lead agency implementing
9 the National Environmental Policy Act. And you have the
10 absolute legal duty to examine all of the impacts of this
11 pipeline which the DEIS does not do. There's also
12 another problem. The other problem is this was just
13 published today on a Website called Seeking Alpha. It's
14 an investment advice Website. It's called Marsalis Shale
15 Through a Glass Darkly, by Mosha Ben Rueben, a very
16 technical document but the upside is -- or the downside

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17 is very simple. It's this chart right at the end, and it
18 shows basically that the Marsalis shale peaks in 2017.
19 And by 2019 it's done. So wait a minute here. Williams
20 is going to spend \$.7 billion or \$700 million to build
21 120 month -- one mile pipeline, a high pressure pipeline
22 that's going to have devastating impacts all along this
23 I81 corridor for five years worth of gas? That seems a
24 little nutty to me. Okay. So let's see. The applicant

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25 is -- the application is defective and fraudulent and

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See the response to comment LA9-4 regarding natural gas reserves.

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See response to comment FA1-1.

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PM2-163 cont'd	<p>1 incomplete. The applicant has lied to the Government, 2 which is a crime under the United States Code Title 18. 3 The applicant-- 4 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds, please. 5 MR. WILLIAM HUSTON: --is unfit for a 6 certificate for all the many reasons that people have cited 7 here. They use bribery, bullying and fraud to get their 8 way, and FERC is not implementing NEPA as is your duty. 9 You must withdrawal this highly defective DEIS and start 10 over. Thank you. 11 MR. MOONEYHAN: Craig Stevens? 12 MR. CRAIG STEVENS: Good evening. Good to 13 see you again. I'd like to read something from a 223 year 14 old doc, one that I carry around in my pocket. "We hold 15 these truths to be self evident that all men are created 16 equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain 17 unalienable rights, that one these are life, liberty and 18 the pursuit of happiness." So tonight I want to talk about 19 bad actors. And I'm not talking about William Shatner. 20 I'm talking about April 14, 2012, Lather compressor 21 stations, Springville, Susquehanna, PA. The guys earlier 22 were talking about the gas boom. I'm calling it the 23 kaboom. That was the first explosion in our area of the 24 compressor station owned by, yeah, Williams, the bad actor, 25 if whoever is sitting back there still from Williams. July</p>

PM2-164 The commentor's statements regarding the draft EIS and Constitution are noted.

PM2-165 See response to comment CO47-1.

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1 23, 2012, Windsor Compressor station, Brume county New
2 York, kaboom. May 15, 2013, Williams Central compressor
3 station, Brooklyn township, Susquehanna County, PA, kaboom.
4 May 30, 2013, Branchburg, New Jersey, 13 injured, kaboom.
5 That's 12 months and four explosions and fires by the
6 company you're going to give this permit to. Are you guys
7 completely insane? That's a bad actor right there. You
8 know what? Don't issue them anything until they can go
9 at least a year without something exploding and lighting
10 on fire. Let's talk about -- here's the independent. DEP,
11 no fines or incident. Imagine that. The explosion had,
12 in that of itself was not a violation the EP spokeswoman,
13 Colleen Connelly said. "Williams also restarted engines
14 at the Springville Township station prior to receiving the
15 EP approval. But because the Department did not issue an
16 official order, Tall Operations, a company, will not be
17 fined for disregarding regulator's requests? Williams said
18 it did not understand that the DEPS did not resume
19 operations until regulators could conduct a thorough
20 inspection of the site four days later", according to the
21 report. "We maintain we made it very clear", Connelly
22 said, "However, it was not an official order by DEP to
23 stand down, so that's not considered a violation. The
24 blast was caused by human error." And that's right out
25 of the paper, folks. Now, you know the gift that keeps

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	1 on giving is what you get when you get these guys room
	2 to run with. Now we're talking about the -- this is the
	3 Branchburg. The injured workers are employed by
	4 Pennsylvania based pipeline contractor, Hinkle's and
	5 McCoy whose safety model is nobody gets hurt." And
	6 by the way, 13 injuries.
	7 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 second, please.
	8 MR. CRAIG STEVENS: Williams fines ordered
	9 23,000 were -- of Parachute, Colorado. Williams has
	10 declared that it is signing a new settlement as a way to
	11 avoid spending more money and resource and continue
	12 investigation and to get on with the business of drilling
	13 and extracting natural gas. I'm going to finish with this.
PM2-166	14 Eminent domain or imminent danger, that's what you're
	15 putting us in when you let these guys do it. Legal
	16 obligation to protect the citizens of the United States--
	17 MR. MOONEYHAN: Finish your comments, sir.
	18 MR. CRAIG STEVENS: --mitigation -- hang on
	19 just a second. I'll see you later at Denny's again,
PM2-167	20 probably. Mitigation mitigate Williams and stop this
	21 madness and, FERC, fire everyone and restore the
	22 Constitution. Thank you very much.
	23 MR. MOONEYHAN: Okay, so that's everyone
	24 that we had signed up to speak. If I can have some of
	25

PM2-166 See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain.
See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety.

PM2-167 The commentor's statements in opposition to the proposed
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	1 you raise our hands if they'd like to speak.
	2 MS. LAURA MALLOY: I was signed up to
	3 speak, and I've never spoken to FERC before.
	4 MR. MOONEYHAN: Okay, please come on.
	5 Sorry we missed you.
	6 MS. LAURA MALLOY: My name is Laura Malloy,
	7 M-A-L-L-O-Y. And I'm registered as an intervener, and I
	8 live full time in Mount Vision, New York. I'll tell you a
	9 little bit about my credentials. I earned a PhD in
	10 Physiology from the University of Virginia School of
	11 Medicine and did a fellowship in Pharmacology at the
	12 University of Vermont College of Medicine. My work has
	13 been support by the American Heart Association, the
	14 National Institutes of Health and the National Science
	15 Foundation. My dad was a farmer, and part of my education
PM2-168	16 was paid for by the Union of Operating Engineers. My dad
	17 would never support this, by the way. I'm here to speak
	18 against the pipeline because the frequency with which we
	19 are confronted by major episodes of environmental
	20 contamination is growing. Since 2010, Deep Water Horizon,
	21 Fukushima, Hurricane Sandy chemical waste release, tar sands
	22 pipeline leak in Arkansas, Weld County, Colorado flooding
	23 induced fracking chemical and oil spill. Okay and just
	24 this year in the last three months, January Elk River
	25 chemical spill in West Virginia, February Dan River

PM2-168 The commentor’s statements in opposition to the proposed projects are noted.

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1 coal/ash spill in North Carolina, two weeks ago Gulf
2 Coast -- less than two weeks ago Gulf Coast oil spill.
3 What do these have to do with the pipeline? Like the
4 pipeline, all of these are in one way or another
5 products of frenetic attempts to obtain unsustainable
PM2-169 6 and unsafe forms of energy. The Constitution pipeline
7 will eventually leak. They all do. The Constitution
PM2-170 8 pipeline will carry fracked gas. And as Suzy Winkler
9 and others said earlier today, it was likely designed
PM2-171 10 to carry New York fracked gas. The compressor stations
11 at either end of the pipeline are even more likely to
12 leak. And the materials used to extract the gas or the
13 radiation and other materials collected with it under-
14 ground will not be completely absent from the gas when
15 it is released. When hydrocarbons, siliceous volatile
16 organic materials and endocrine disruptors and other
17 toxicants associated with fossil fuel extraction are
18 release into the air, they do not necessarily cause
19 harm right away. At exceedingly low levels, Petra
20 chemical contaminants can cause not just acute illness,
21 not just cancer, but birth defects and stunted brain
22 development. Just two weeks ago a review titled "The
23 Neurobehavioral Effects of Developmental Toxicology"
24 was published in the prestigious journal "Lancet
25 Neurology". And I have the full citation for you if you

PM2-169 Section 4.12 of the EIS provides a discussion of pipeline leakage.

PM2-170 See the response to comment FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

PM2-171 See the response to comment SA6-1 regarding methane leakage.
See the response to comment IND21-17 regarding fugitive emissions.

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	1 need it. It outlined how industrial chemicals that injure	
	2 the developing brain are among the known causes for the	
	3 rise in the prevalence of disabilities like autism, ADHD,	
	4 dyslexia--	
	5 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds, please.	
	6 MS. LAURA MALLOY: --and other cognitive	
PM2-172	7 emotional impairments. Most certainly this effects the	
	8 most vulnerable among us; fetuses, infants and people	
	9 who are ill. The human and economic cost of the	
	10 environmental health impacts of extreme natural gas	
	11 extraction extend beyond the well pad and extend	
	12 beyond the few hundred feet on either side of the	
	13 Constitution pipeline. The narrow focus of the procedure	
	14 for pipeline approval--	
	15 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please finish your comments,	
	16 ma'am.	
	17 MS. LAURA MALLOY: --lessons. The narrow	
	18 focus of the procedure for pipeline approval tragically	
	19 ignores this.	
	20 MR. MOONEYHAN: Were there any more than	
	21 these two hands? That's three. Okay, so you three can	
	22 come up and sit on the front row and we'll go right	
	23 through you guys.	
	24 MR. MICHAEL STOLZER: My name is	
	25 Michael Stolzer, S-T-O-L-Z-E-R. And I just want to	

PM2-172 See the response to comment CO57-4. See the response to comment LA5-6 regarding radon.

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1 expand on this perhaps tomorrow night, but a couple of
2 things that annoy the heck out of me, primarily the
3 repeated statement that gas is clean energy. This is
4 something that we've been flooded with in our homes with
5 deceptive ads from gas industry. It's been repeated in our
6 local papers. Obama has said it in his State of the Union
7 Address, and it's stated in the DEIS. The best science
8 on this science is in and it says that gas is as dirty
9 as coal and oil, and it's corroborated by the National
10 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. That it's in
11 the DEIS is profoundly disturbing to me. Is it that the
12 FERC is just not informed? If that's the case, please
13 step down. And the worst case scenario is that they are
14 informed and that they're part of this program to convince
15 people that somehow what they'd prefer to believe is the
16 truth. It would be great if it was clean. It would be
17 great if everything was wonderful. I would love it. But
18 the truth is that it's not. And I think it was Gerbil's
19 who said tell the people the same lie over and over enough
20 and they'll believe it. This whole thing really scares
21 the crap out of me.

22 MS. KATHY SHIMBERG: Thank you for letting
23 me finish my remarks since you had to call out a timeout
24 before.

25 MR. MOONEYHAN: Can you spell your name?

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See the responses to comments CO26-19 and IND21-7. See the response to comment SA6-1 regarding climate change.

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PM2-174	1 MS. KATHY SHIMBERG: Oh yeah. I'm Kathy,
	2 K-A-T-H-Y Shimberg, S-H-I-M-B-E-R-G. I live in Otsego
	3 County. What I wanted to address was mitigation. I have
	4 been talking to Mr. Bowman before about this. Mitigation
	5 in generic terms is what seems to be in the DEIS and my
	6 point is if a forest was destroyed, a wetland is destroyed,
	7 somebody's water is destroyed, to mitigate it by creating
	8 another wetland and other forest in however many years,
	9 another aquifer tapping somewhere else does not mitigate
	10 what happened on that person's land or in that village or
PM2-175	11 the environment. And I also wanted to say this is the
	12 general morgue in my statement. I would also mention the
	13 serious larger environmental issue of pipelines and
	14 continuing increasing fossil fuel development causing
	15 what's now widely recognized as disastrous time
	16 alterations that are likely to make many areas of our
	17 plant uncomfortable to live in at best and totally
	18 uninhabitable at worst. We are shortsightedly killing
	19 ourselves and everything else with it and everything
	20 worth living for. FERC, the U.S. Department of
	21 Energy and various other agencies and governmental
	22 entities may not want to pay attention to this right
	23 now. But ignoring the reality doesn't change what's
	24 now being observed as actually happening. Thank you.
	25 MS. ANNE MARIE GARTI: So my name is Anne

PM2-174 The commentor's statements regarding mitigation are noted. See the response to comment IND381-16.

PM2-175 The commentor's statements regarding fossil fuels are noted. Section 3.1.2.3 of the EIS provides a discussion of renewable energy.

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1 Marie Garti, G-A-R-T-I, and I just want to finish what I
2 was trying to say. I was trying to tell you a little
3 story about the uplifting of the Catskills and the wetlands
4 on the top of the Catskills and talk about how land use
5 is a comment. The land has been used on these hilltops
6 as basically forested areas from the very beginning, first
7 with the Native Americans, then when the colonists came in
8 the 18th Century. The 19th Century there was a period where
9 a lot of the forests were diluted for tanning but other
10 than that, they have always been used as a place of fuel
11 for -- because these were homestead -- people homesteaded
12 on the farms up here. And the forests were left alone.
13 And they would have been left alone basically since the
14 middle of the 19th Century. And so this pattern of
15 people and the environment has something important to
16 teach you. This is a very special stop on the top of this
17 ridge which has a clay underbase and forested wetlands.
18 It's very -- it's really quite something up there. And
19 there are a lot of free services that the state gets
20 out of this, ecological services. And because this
21 land is in private hands, the state doesn't pay for
22 and of this. This is basically our reserves, our
23 park lands in Delaware County. In this part of
24 Delaware County there are no parks. There are social
25 relationships that allow people to use each other's

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1 land on this hilltop. I know this land intimately.
2 It is special. It is fragile. And it will not
3 survive the kind of gashing that you want to allow
4 here. And so there are things that you should not
5 allow this to happen. And one of it is that this
6 is, from my perspective, this is not the law. But
7 from my perspective, this is a federal intrusion on
8 local land use because there is an established
9 pattern, a socio etiological pattern of use of
10 these hilltops forests and bogs, and you are
11 intending to come in -- and with the arrogance of
12 the Federal Government and totally ignore how
13 people have related to this land for centuries, for
14 generation after generation without any concern for
15 that. I covered how there was a lot of wetlands up
16 there. And the other thing that goes on because of
17 the angulations of the Catskills and how it's been
18 eroded is you have a lot of micro climates and a lot of
19 little micro soil conditions. And you have to look at
20 that. It's not uniform. This whole pipeline has a lot
21 of irregularity and variety and special little qualities.

PM2-176 22 And so to sum it up is you have to look at each parcel of
23 land as a site specific EIS, not generic, and you have
24 to do that before this DEIS is deemed complete. Thank you
25 for letting me clarify.

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1 MR. RHOES: Could I have 20 seconds?

2 MR. MOONEYHAN: Sure.

3 MR. RHOES: Thank you. I want to thank the
4 people on this stage.

5 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please state your name.

6 MR. RHOES: Oh, Rhoes, R-H-O-E-S. I want
7 to thank the people on the stage for allowing the three
8 people to come up and speak. I think that was very
9 generous of you. And I recognize that you are not the
10 people who wrote the DEIS, FERC DEIS, which is an
11 obscene document. And if you feel our anger, it is not
12 our anger towards you. But it's our anger towards the
13 process, and it's our anger towards the document which
14 doesn't do the job that it was supposed to do. Thank you
15 very much.

16 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, everyone, who stayed
17 out here for four and a half hours. I appreciate everyone
18 hanging out that long. So with that, the full part of this
19 meeting will close. I've got to say that if you want
20 additional information on the project, our Website at
21 ferc.gov. There's a link called eLibrary and you can
22 enter in the docket numbers for this projects, the
23 Constitution and Iroquois projects at CT13-499 and
24 CT13-502. You can find everything, every document that
25 is related to these two cabinets. Also, if you want to

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1 get a copy of the transcript, you can make that arrangement
2 with the court reporter. So with that, myself and on
3 behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and
4 the U.S. Corp of Engineers, really thank you all for
5 coming here tonight. And let the record show that the
6 meeting closed at 11:20 pm.

7 (Whereupon at 11:20 p.m., the meeting adjourned.)

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17 Wednesday, April 2, 2014

18 The public scoping meeting, pursuant to notice,

19 convened at 7:05 p.m., Kevin Bowman chair of the scoping

20 meeting.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. BOWMAN: On behalf of the Federal Energy
3 Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, I
4 want to welcome all of you to the public meeting and draft
5 environmental impact statement. It's a Constitution
6 Pipeline & Wright Interconnect Project. Let the record show
7 that the comment meeting began at 7:05 p.m. on April 2nd in
8 Afton, New York.

9 My name is Kevin Bowman and I am the
10 Environmental Project Manager at the Federal Energy
11 Regulatory Commission. To my right is Doug Mooneyhan, also
12 representing FERC tonight and to his right is Amy Gitchell
13 of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. Also with us tonight
14 you may have met at the back table where you came in,
15 representing FERC tonight are Kim Sechrist, Charles Brown,
16 Lavinia DiSanto and Jen Ward.

17 So the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, the
18 Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Ohio
19 Administration, the New York State Department of Agriculture
20 and Markets are participating as cooperating agencies in the
21 environmental review of these projects.

22 I want to thank those cooperating agencies for
23 their continued assistance with their review of these
24 projects. I am going to briefly turn things over to Amy
25 with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for a brief overview of

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1 their process, and how it interacts with our process in the
2 review of these projects.

3 MS. GITCHELL: Thank you, good evening. My name
4 is Amy Gitchell, I am the Chief of the upstate New York
5 section of the regulatory branch of the New York District
6 U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. I will be participating in
7 tonight's meeting on behalf of the Corp of Engineers.

8 The Corp of Engineers is here today to obtain
9 information as evidence and ensure covered of both the
10 public's and the corps concern to assist in the regulatory
11 review of the permit application submitted by Constitution
12 Pipeline Company for the construction of the pipeline that
13 was described by Mr. Bauman.

14 If constructed, the pipeline would require
15 crossing the wetlands and streams that are considered waters
16 of the United States and regulated under section 404 of the
17 Clean Water Act in both Pennsylvania and New York.

18 The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as the
19 lead federal agency will make a decision whether to issue a
20 certificate of public convenience and necessity to allow the
21 construction of this project. The FERC is neither a
22 proponent for nor an opponent of the proposed work.

23 Our role is to determine whether the proposed
24 activity, in this case, the construction of the 124 mile
25 pipeline that will require numerous crossings of waters of

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1 the United States is in the overall public interest. This
2 hearing will play an important part in that determination.

3 Please understand that we do not expect to answer
4 questions from the audience in this hearing related to the
5 proposal and we are here to obtain information and your
6 comments. Questions of the regulatory process in general
7 can be directed to my staff on another day.

8 The New York administration has issued a public
9 notice for this project with the comment period closing on
10 April 7th. The entire public notice, including all of the
11 attachments, is currently posted on the New York website.
12 The website address is www.man.usace.army.mail.

13 We do have some copies of the public notice
14 without the attachments on our registration table. If you
15 are not currently on our public notice e-mail distribution
16 list, and would like to receive the e-mail announcements for
17 future public notices from my office, please provide your
18 e-mail address to one of the staff members at the
19 registration table today.

20 I look forward to hearing your comments this
21 evening.

22 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you Amy. You will note that
23 we have arranged for a court reporter to transcribe this
24 meeting so that we will have an accurate record of the
25 meeting. If you would like to receive a copy of that

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1 transcript, you can make arrangements with the Corp up here
2 or following this meeting.

3 So in June 2013, Constitution Pipeline and
4 Iroquois Gas Transmission filed applications under Section 7
5 of the Natural Gas Act. These projects consist of the
6 installation of approximately 124 miles, 30 inch diameter,
7 natural gas pipeline between Susquehanna County,
8 Pennsylvania and Schoharie, New York.

9 The primary purpose of this meeting is to give
10 you the opportunity to provide specific environmental
11 comments on the draft EIS prepared by FERC's staff in these
12 projects. It will help us the most if your comments are as
13 specific as possibly regarding the proposed projects and the
14 draft EIS.

15 I would like to clarify again this is a project
16 being proposed by Constitution and Iroquois and it is not
17 the project being proposed by the FERC. Rather FERC is the
18 lead federal agency responsible for evaluating these
19 applications and therefore, FERC is not an advocate for
20 these projects.

21 Instead, the FERC is an advocate for the
22 environmental relief process. So during our review of these
23 projects, we assembled information from a variety of
24 sources, including Constitution and Iroquois, you the
25 public, other state, local and federal agencies, and our own

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1 independent analysis.

2 We analyze this information and prepare the draft
3 EIS that was distributed to the public for comment. A
4 notice of availability for this draft EIS was issued for his
5 project on February 12, 2014. So we are coming close to the
6 end of the forty-five day comment period on the draft EIS
7 and that ends this Monday, April 7, 2014.

8 All comments written, all the comments received,
9 either written or spoken, will be addressed in our final
10 environmental impact statement. I encourage you, if you
11 plan to submit comments and have not, please do so here
12 today, either verbally during our comment period, the
13 comment portion of the meeting tonight, or in writing using
14 one of the forms that are outside of the room by the tables.

15 You can also submit comments using the procedure
16 outline in the notice of availability of the draft EIS,
17 which includes instructions on how to submit your comments
18 electronically. Your comments will be considered with equal
19 weight, regardless of whether they are provided verbally
20 during the meeting tonight, the meeting earlier this week,
21 tomorrow, or submitted in writing.

22 If you received a copy of the draft EIS, in
23 either paper or CD, you will automatically receive a copy of
24 the final EIS. If you did not get a copy of the draft and
25 you want to get a copy of the final, please make sure you

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1 sign the attendance list at the back of the room, provide
2 your name and address, and we will make sure that you get a
3 copy of the final EIS.

4 In addition, I want to state that neither the
5 draft nor the final are decision-making documents. In other
6 words, once they are issued, they do not determine whether
7 the project would be approved or denied. I also want to
8 differentiate between the roles of two distinct FERC
9 staffers.

10 First, is the Commission and the environmental
11 staff. Myself, and the other members of FERC here tonight
12 are part of the environmental review staff and we oversee
13 the preparation of the environmental impact statement for
14 the project. We do not determine whether or not to approve
15 the project. Instead, the FERC Commissioners decide that,
16 and they consist of five Presidentially-appointed
17 individuals who are responsible for making a determination.

18 So as I mentioned earlier, the EIS is not the
19 decision making document, but it does assist the Commission
20 in determine whether or not to approve or deny the project.
21 In addition, the Commission will consider environment
22 information from the EIS, public comments, as well as a list
23 of non-environmental issues. Those include things such as
24 engineering, and what has been raised, in its decision on
25 whether to approve or deny the project.

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1 There is no purview of FERC decisions by the
2 President or Congress, maintaining FERC's role as its
3 independent regulatory agency. If the Commission votes to
4 approve the project, and a certificate of public convenience
5 and necessity were to be issued, Constitution and Iroquois
6 would be required to meet all certain conditions that would
7 be outlined in that certificate.

8 FERC environmental staff would then monitor the
9 project, through construction and restoration. They would
10 perform daily on-site inspections to document environmental
11 compliance with palpable laws and regulations. Constitution
12 and Iroquois proposed plans for mitigation and any
13 additional additions in that FERC certificate.

14 Okay, I'll get all that FERC stuff out the way
15 and now we will move on to the comment part. So if you
16 don't want to speak tonight or you don't get to say
17 everything you wanted, of course you can still hand in great
18 comments tonight, or if you have something prepared, you can
19 just hand that to us tonight at the back table.

20 So as I said before this meeting is being
21 recorded by a court reporter, so that all of your comments
22 are accurately and correct transcribed into the public
23 record. So when you come up to the podium, after you are
24 called, please make sure you state your full name and spell
25 your name, so that we can accurately record your comments.

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1 My number one rule is that please show respect for whoever
2 is speaking. Because of the amount of people that we have
3 signed-up tonight, I would like to limit everyone to exactly
4 four minutes.

5 Doug will keep track of your time and with
6 approximately 20 seconds to go, he will mention that you
7 have 20 seconds left. Once you reach four minutes, he will
8 say that your time has expired. I am going to ask at that
9 time that you complete your sentence and return to your seat
10 and then we will call on the next speaker. Doug's got a
11 good watch so please respect the time again, don't call out
12 if someone is nearing their time limit. So with that I will
13 turn things over to Doug who will call our first speakers.

14 MR. MOONEYHAN: Doctor, Lisa Barr, and if we can
15 go ahead and get Kim Feltier-Canarelli and Peter Hudiburg on
16 deck please.

17 MS. BARR: Ready? My name is Lisa Barr, L-i-s-a
18 B-a-r-r. I am a journalist with Counterpunch of Lake. The
19 last four years I have been covering this industry in two
20 states. I am intervening against this pipeline and speaking
21 as a citizen tonight, because sometimes a journalist puts
22 down the reporters pad and throws a life-line to a person
23 who is drowning.

24 And I see a lot of people in this room who are
25 drowning. Christians, Muslims, Jews know the prodigal son

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The commentator's statements in opposition to the proposed projects are noted.

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1 strays but change his ways and is welcomed back, forgiven.
2 In real life prodigal sons are either mistaken for heroes or
3 treated with great scorn.

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4 FERC your behavior needlessly splits our region.
5 You gave a month's notice of holding this hearing during our
6 academic community's Spring Break, that's the nature of our
7 community. That's no break for the experts as you know it.
8 They have to publish, prepare and schedule their research
9 trips three to six months in advance, they cannot be here.
10 FERC repent. We need a redo.

11 There is anger here because prodigal sons like
12 Tony Soprano or Michael Corleone didn't really make the
13 streets safe for kids. In New Orleans the Teamsters bragged
14 about having blown up Channel 8's transmitting tower in
15 1982, so their affiliated IBEW videographers negotiated a
16 great contract that made the Reporter's Union smile, but
17 only the IBEW guys got a deal and only for a short time, our
18 union got busted. Bad behavior, ignorant behavior never
19 pays off for the entire flock. Someone always gets hurt,
20 usually the prodigal sons and daughters with the least
21 power.

22 Remember love canal? A rare, true clean-up of a
23 super-fun site, that was Hooker Chemical. Their
24 counter-part today on steroids is Cabot. Remember
25 Rockefeller busting the unions overtly, you can't get away

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	1 with that now so they buy everybody off with this good
	2 deeds, newspaper ads. I just got interrupted, is this going
	3 to be allowed?
	4 MR. BOWMAN: Please continue.
	5 MS. BARR: Newspaper ads, stories straight out of
	6 the press release, that's the Mirabitos and the Williams,
	7 the big shots, they will always land on their feet because
	8 they can put everyone on a bus with a chicken dinner every
	9 night. We tried regulating them, but after World War II,
	10 the industry hi-jacked our transportation, energy, even our
	11 national defense policy, so I want to be angry with the
	12 teamsters disrupting what's supposed to be a discussion of
	13 the DEIS with industry talking points that are false, but
	14 instead I have to reason with them.
PM3-3	15 And with you, FERC, here's what's at stake and
	16 why forgiveness matters. In Sidney Center right now access
	17 roads without ditches, retention ponds, all absent on the
	18 DEIS too, by the way, are being constructed. And we have
	19 seen this before in Bradford County, PA, the prodigal sons
	20 didn't repent so come fall of 2011, an 80-something year old
	21 mother tells her 50-something year old son, the water is
	22 never going to get that high here in Waverly, we won't
	23 evacuate. They woke up in the middle of the night, no
	24 power, frigid water splashing on their beds, son and mother
	25 sloshed to two chairs onto the kitchen table, the water was

PM3-3 Construction of any portion of the proposed projects, including access roads, may not begin until Constitution and Iroquois receive approval from the Commission and a notice to proceed.

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1	neck high in the morning.
2	MR. BOWMAN: Let her speak.
3	MS. BARR: The son was still breathing on that
4	chair, holding his dead mother on the chair next to him in
5	the water. That's what happens when regulators don't do
6	their jobs.
7	In Washington state just this week they said
8	they'll never be able to dig the hundreds missing out of the
9	mid, two years after the timber industry regulators weren't
10	properly enforced. When a federal regulatory agency gets
11	funding from the industry, they police, people die.
12	We want all of you back in the fold. We want you
13	healthy and happy and working, but you have to acknowledge
PM3-4	14 the error of your ways. Give the people who study this the
	15 most a chance to comment. Redo these hearings, teamsters,
	16 you are our neighbors, we are our friends, we hire you to
	17 fix our homes, don't get on the bus again next time, let
	18 Democracy stand a fighting chance. Make your union do its
	19 job.
	20 My brother is a teamster and he can tell you in
	21 Michigan they are sending kids out in the middle of the
	22 night without breaks on those trucks. They are sending you
	23 -- they are selling you a line of crap.
	24 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 second.
	25 MS. BARR: I hope we all survive this.

PM3-4 See response to comment FA1-1.

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2 MS. FELTER-CANARELLI: Kim Felter-Canarelli F as
3 in Frank, e-l-t as in Tom, E-R - C-a-n-a-r-e-l-l-i. Okay.
4 My name is Kim Felter-Canarelli. I am not here to engage in
5 a conversation about the old Bush/Cheney energy agenda and
6 regulate natural gas pipeline, yet am here to change the
7 conversation.

8 New York has the opportunity to be the leader for
9 the world on the issue of energy. I agree 100% with
10 Governor Cuomo when he said that New York can take care of
11 itself. A \$750,000.00 grant was made available to Anfinal
12 to invest in a natural gas pipeline to keep Anfinal in the
13 area, yet rather than take the lead and institute a plan for
14 solar energy, and really save on carbon emissions, we
15 squander the opportunity and invest in a plan to continue
16 the onslaught of natural gas production.

17 Anfinal can stay in the area with any energy
18 option. Natural gas is not their only option. NYSEG has
19 been providing natural gas and electricity to New York since
20 1852 and could easily incorporate, Mirabitos,
21 Leatherstocking and Corning Natural Gas to continue
22 providing these services.

23 The fact is there has never been a demand for
24 natural gas in New York state and as a result, NYSEG never
25 laid the infrastructure. We are being redundant in our

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PM3-5	<p>1 efforts to provide natural gas. We need a clean energy</p> <p>2 conversation that it re-invests our tax dollars back into</p> <p>3 New York's solar companies that are ready, willing and able</p> <p>4 to install solar panels for Anfinal today.</p> <p>5 Solar companies can employ just as many, if not</p> <p>6 more people than any natural gas company or project can. I</p> <p>7 would appreciate first consideration of the fact that New</p> <p>8 York wants to get away from fossil fuels. We are an</p> <p>9 agricultural state and stand to lose much with the approval</p> <p>10 of a natural gas pipeline.</p>
PM3-6	<p>11 I am asking FERC to take citizen's concerns into</p> <p>12 consideration for a clean energy state and deny the</p> <p>13 Constitution Pipeline Project. New York is a sovereign</p> <p>14 state, and can decide what we want in the way of energy.</p> <p>15 Allow the constituents of Governor Cuomo and U.S. Senator</p> <p>16 Charles Shumer to initiate a clean energy agenda.</p> <p>17 Together with our legislators, we can come up</p> <p>18 with a better plan for New York and utilize our New York</p> <p>19 tax dollars for our New York businesses, thank you.</p> <p>20 MR. MOONEYHAN: Peter Hudiburg. Sandra Davis.</p> <p>21 MR. HUDIBURG: Peter Hudiburg, last name</p> <p>22 H-u-d-i-b-u-r-g. FERC's mission is apparently to supply</p> <p>23 reliable, efficient and sustainable energy to its customers.</p> <p>24 I contend that this Constitution Pipeline plan, will not</p> <p>25 produce or delivery reliable, efficient and sustainable</p>

PM3-5 Section 3.1.2.3 of the EIS provides a discussion of renewable energy.

PM3-6 The commentor's request to deny the proposed projects is noted.

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1 energy.

PM3-7 2 I submit that the Marcellus shale field is very
3 close to going into a decline in production. In fact Moshe
4 Ben-Reuven just published an article, Marcellus Shale:
5 Through a Glass, Darkly in which he states -- which he
6 predicts that Marcellus shale will, production, will be
7 plateauing in 2017 and you probably know shale gas wells
8 deplete very, very quickly and he is saying that the whole
9 field will pretty much, production will be down to zero by
10 2019 or 2020.

PM3-8 11 In your DEIS you refer to the global warming
12 potential of methane as being 25. I think many authorities
13 disagree with you, it should actually be 86. Methane has a
14 global warming equivalent, it's 86 times more warming than
15 CO2 in the 20 year period and 20 years is what is far more
16 relevant for us today.

PM3-9 17 We have plenty of evidence that is accumulating
18 that global warming is accelerating and is taking place much
19 faster than scientists in the past had predicted. So you
20 say that under the socio-economic section you say that
21 property values and insurance policies are hard to predict
22 whether they will go up or down but there has been lots of
23 proof indicating that property values do go down after the
24 initial boom phase.

25 And this is certainly not going to constitute a

PM3-7 See the response to comment LA9-4 regarding natural gas reserves.

PM3-8 The main regulatory authority in the United States regarding GHGs is the EPA. The EPA provided a response to a similar comment in their November 29, 2013 rulemaking that adopted revised GWPs (78 FR 230, pages 71913 to 71914), stating "the EPA selected the 100-year GWPs because these values are the internationally accepted standard for reporting GHG emissions. For example, the parties to the UNFCCC [United Nations Framework on Climate Change] agreed to use the GWPs that are based on a 100-year time period for preparing national inventories, and the reports submitted by other signatories to the UNFCCC use GWPs based on a 100-year time period, including the GWP for methane and certain GHGs identified as short-lived climate pollutants. These values were subsequently adopted and used in multiple EPA climate initiatives, including the EPA's SNAP program and the Inventory, as well as EPA voluntary reduction partnership (e.g. Natural Gas STAR). The EPA noted at the time that Part 98 was finalized that alternative metrics for comparing the potential climate impacts of different GHGs were being considered by the IPCC [International Panel on Climate Change]. However, the IPCC has not made a recommendation regarding adoption of the 20-year metric."

The EPA further stated "Regarding the use of 20-year GWPs, human-influenced climate change occurs on both short (decadal) and long (millennial) timescales. While there is no single best way to value both short and long-term impacts in a single metric, the 100-yr GWP is a reasonable approach that has been widely accepted by the international community."

In conclusion, the EPA retained the 100-year time horizon for defining GWPs for reporting.

PM3-9 See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values.

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PM3-10	1 long-term boom, the building of a pipeline. It's very
	2 temporary and so -- and I'm sure these workers realize that.
	3 This is a very temporary employment. The DEIS says we
	4 conclude that too much of impacts associated with
	5 Constitution Iroquois projects, when combined with other
	6 known or reasonably foreseeable projects, would be
	7 effectively limited.
	8 Well I suggest that they won't be really
	9 effective or limited. You can't separate construction of
	10 pipeline from the eventual build-out of perhaps as many as
	11 forty-two compressor stations if the compressor stations are
	12 put in with the same spacing as is taking place in
	13 Pennsylvania, every two to four miles, there could be
	14 forty-two compressor stations.
	15 So these compressor stations, processing plants
	16 put out large quantities of global warming gases. LNG
	17 Technology might also be put up and again, the very nature
	18 of that technology involves releasing, a deliberate
	19 releasing of methane, so the alternatives are zero net
	20 energy, acid houses, and deep energy retrofits. That is the
	21 way -- may I finish?
	22 (CROWD YELLING AND BOOING)
	23 MR. MOONEYHAN: Your time is expired and there
	24 are fifty more people who have signed up to speak, you had
	25 your four minutes.

PM3-10 See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing and additional development. See the response to comment FA4-2 regarding the need for additional compressor stations.

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1 MR. BOWMAN: Quiet.

2 MR. HUDIBURG: So that sustainable energy is
3 passing down zero net energy and -

4 (CROWD YELLING AND APPLAUDING)

5 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you for your service.

6 MR. MOONEYHAN: Sandra Davis, Kris Stafford.

7 MR. BOWMAN: You will note that a uniformed
8 police officer just came down here after Mr. Hudiburg
9 extended his four minutes of time. We have only gone
10 through four speakers and I'm already having to warn you
11 that I can shut this meeting down and will not hesitate to
12 do so if it comes to that. I ask that when your time is up,
13 please take your seat. We have a lot of people to get
14 through tonight and I want to make sure that the people who
15 are signed up towards the end, get done at a reasonable
16 hour. In addition, if things do not get transcribed into
17 the record, they will not be transcribed at all. Okay.

18 MS. DAVIS: Good evening, thank you. Good
19 evening, my name is Sandra Davis, D-a-v-i-s. I am here
20 representing my family this evening. We are from Delaware
21 County, the town of Deposit. I am a very proud landowner of
22 55 acres and an exceptional mother of three beautiful boys.

23 I am here tonight because I grew up in New York
24 State, I grew up in Delaware County, town of Deposit, lived
25 there all my life, on a dairy farm. I am very proud of this

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1 region. I am very proud of the area that I live in and I
2 want my children to get to grow up here and have the respect
3 for the land and the respect for nature, and the beauty of
4 this area as I did.

5 I want them to learn that working hard for what
6 you get is very important in life and you have to work for
7 everything that you get, so just starting with that.

8 It is just very sad to me to see all of our young
9 people leaving. We are a rarity, my husband and I being in
10 our 30's and 40's owning land. It is very sad for me also
11 to send my husband two hours away to work because there are
12 no jobs here. There is no way to pay our taxes.

13 As far as I see it the Constitution Pipeline can
14 bring that in. They can bring jobs, regardless of whether
15 they are temporary or not, it is a job, it is local and he
16 doesn't have to leave me and my children when we just just
17 adopted our two boys.

18 So it's very, very, very, important to me that my
19 husband stay here and I get to raise my children here. I
20 don't want to leave but the way it is looking, we may get
21 pushed out. Six years with no natural gas, six years with
22 no pipeline and it is very frustrating for me to have to
23 wait for my income tax return to pay my land taxes and then
24 be charged penalties on top of it by the government, it is
25 ridiculous.

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	1 Anyways, I am here to comment on the draft EIS.
	2 I support the Constitution pipeline for a dozen, for many
	3 dozens of reasons. New York state has stripped me of my
	4 rights for long enough. Our area needs all the help it can
	5 get and our tax base obviously needs a boost.
	6 We see so many of our neighbors struggling to pay
	7 taxes, including ourselves. It would be appalling not to
	8 approve the Constitution Pipeline, a project that would add
	9 some strength to our tax base that desperately needs a
	10 boost. Broome County alone could see 1.2 million annually
	11 in property tax benefits alone.
	12 The spending in Broome County would boost all of
PM3-11	13 our local economies. This isn't just me commenting to
	14 express my support for the project, this is a plea for you
	15 to approve it. I think you are doing a fine job and I think
	16 you need to continue and get this done so that people like
	17 us don't have to suffer any more.
	18 This can help our schools, our municipalities and
	19 our county while putting locals back to work before it is
	20 too late, thank you for moving the process forward and thank
	21 you for listening to me tonight, I won't bore you anymore.
	22 (APPLAUSE AND WHISTLES)
	23 MR. STAFFORD: Good evening. My perspective I
	24 will talk about is that of a recent --
	25 MR. BOWMAN: Spell your name.

PM3-11 The commentor's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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1 MR. STAFFORD: My name is Kris Stafford. K-r-i-s
2 S-t-a-f-f-o-r-d. My perspective I will talk about is that
3 of a recent college graduate. Last spring I received a
4 Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science from
5 Suny Oneonta. After high school I had plans of studying
6 human biology in hopes of becoming a physical therapist,
7 however, during my first semester at Oneonta, my mind was
8 changed when local community members started leasing their
9 land to natural gas companies.

10 Although I did not have a chunk of land to lease,
11 I knew that natural gas could be New York's ticket out of
12 the economic slump we were in, shortly after I changed my
13 major to environmental science. What we need to understand
14 is that no matter the project, big or small, there will
15 always be an environmental impact.

16 Our next goal after realizing that there will be
17 an environmental impact should be to mitigate these risks as
18 much as possible and that is the goal of the draft EIS. My
19 goal after graduation was to secure an environmental
20 inspector position on a pipeline construction crew or gas
21 extraction company.

22 However, my efforts have led to dead-ends.
23 Intention is not to throw a pity-party for myself, but
24 rather emphasize the sympathy I have for recent college
25 graduates. Sadly, my student loans are starting to kick in

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1 along with reality and the harsh reality is my wife and I
2 are considering leaving New York, our friends, our family,
3 our community, to find better employment opportunities.

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4 When the Constitution Pipeline comes through this
5 area, I hope locals realize what it can do for a community.
6 Yes, the jobs are temporary, however, they are still jobs.
7 Jobs that would not exist otherwise. In addition, anybody
8 who has made it through college knows that every employer
9 requires experience in the field they studied. Then they
10 ask themselves, how am I supposed to gain experience without
11 a job.

12 The Constitution Pipeline could be that year of
13 experience that myself and others have been looking for.
14 Many small businesses in this area are struggling day in and
15 day out to make ends meet. This temporary boost could be
16 just the boost they need.
17 Maybe they will only make it for one more year, but that's
18 still one more year of business.

19 But, what is the economic boost saves a business
20 from closing their doors, and they make it through the hard
21 times and last another twenty years. With that said, people
22 in these small towns do not live their lives in ten or
23 twenty year increments. They live day by day and if they
24 can be successful for just one more year, let us call that a
25 good year.

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1 The Constitution Pipeline is the beginning of a
2 much needed striving economy. Thank you, have a good night.

3 MR. LAWRENCE: John Lawrence. L-a-w-r-e-n-c-e.
4 I am the supervisor of the Town of Afton. Upstate towns and
5 villages seem to be passed by the downstate agenda when it
6 comes to economic growth. There is little support for many
7 of our state representatives and those that do fight for our
8 causes are overrun by the what's good for the city seems
9 good for the state agenda, mindset.

10 So when a clean, low-impact community-friendly,
11 job-creating, tax-paying and growth-supporting industry
12 presents itself, it is not only prudent, but fiscally
13 responsible to local government to take a good, hard look.

14 It may seem self-promoting on my part, but I
15 value the possibility to provide cheap, clean, energy
16 sources for our users rather than the Constitution's
17 intended market of New York City and New England. Local
18 benefits, such as cutting our school heating bills by 50%,
19 that's a savings of about \$150,000.00, providing the energy
20 that could lead to growth in local businesses such as Wagner
21 Loggins ability to put in a kiln-drying facility, Venison's
22 Restaurant saving thousands of dollars on heating bills, the
23 Anfinal Corporation that provides over 1,000 jobs in this
24 area, and the advantage needed to attract new businesses
25 therefore providing more jobs, jobs that could encourage our

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1 young to look here as a place to stay and grow and raise a
2 family.

3 The pipeline will provide an estimated annual
4 share of school tax payments to Afton of \$460,000.00, that's
5 an annual payment and another \$312,000.00 to Bainbridge,
6 that's over \$770,000.00 annually for Afton and Bainbridge
7 schools. You can't tell me that that won't affect all of
8 our tax dollar payments and that's in addition to the town
9 and county tax benefits.

10 Public safety, something that we are all
11 interested in, Williams Partners, LP operates over 16,000
12 miles of interstate natural gas pipeline. The Constitution
13 Pipeline will be built with more safety features than would
14 be otherwise required by federal law and regulations.

15 Careful monitoring of construction is undertaken
16 by Constitution pipeline as well as an independent third
17 party firm to ensure the construction and safety meets or
18 exceeds federal and industry standards. Local staff re:
19 jobs, will monitor the pipeline 24/7 to insure that safety
20 is maintained.

21 In short, natural gas pipelines are the safest
22 way to deliver the energy needs to our homes and businesses.
23 The Constitution Pipeline, is exactly the kind of good
24 neighbor, new business and growth opportunity, we should be
25 looking for. Thank you.

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1	MR. MOONEYHAN: Earl Colley, John Wood.
2	MR. COLLEY: Good evening, thank you. My name is
3	Earl Colley. E-a-r-l C-o-l-l-e-y. I am Earl W. Colley and
4	I would like to welcome you to the town of Afton. I am a
5	retired licensed engineer, vice-president of the Central New
6	York Landowner's Coalition. I am a thirty-four year
7	resident of the town of Afton.
8	I believe as do a majority of the town residents,
9	but until we ask, can we accomplish safely, however, with
10	Governor Cuomo's ban, putting development on hold, we would
11	like to be able to -- we would like the ability that the
12	Constitution Pipeline affords the residents, schools and
13	businesses for access for the affordable clean energy
14	sources to our area.
PM3-13	15 After reviewing the FERC issued draft
	16 environmental impact statement and the oversight of FERC,
	17 the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the
	18 United States Army Corp of Engineers, the Federal Highway
	19 Commission and the New York State Department of Agriculture
	20 and Markets, I am confident with the professionals of these
	21 agencies that it will be done in a safe and unlimited
	22 potentials to the area.
	23 The residents of Afton, New York have rejected
	24 the attempts of the anti-development and economic growth
	25 people in this town as reflected by overwhelming majorities.

PM3-13 The commentator's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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1 In 2011, 2012 and 2013 local town board of elections, the
2 majority of the votes were about 65 to 70% against the
3 obstructionist. I pray for us it will be here, but the
4 pipeline will create new jobs, people coming into the area.

5 We have IADA, 17 and a railway access within the
6 town. We hope to attract new businesses here and allow our
7 town to grow, thank you very much.

8 MR. WOOD: My name is John Wood. W-o-o-d. I am
9 the President of the Operating Engineers of Local 825. At
10 first I would like to clarify that I am not a gangster or a
11 thug and neither are any of my brother or sister tradesmen
12 in here.

13 MR. WOOD: I attended high school in Hancock, New
14 York, so I know what it is like to drive up and down the
15 highway to get a good-paying job. It would be nice for
16 these folks to have one right in their backyard.

17 I support the draft environmental impact
18 statement as it fairly addresses all the issues present for
19 the building of a Greenfield pipeline project. The short
20 term benefits, our local tradesmen get good-paying jobs.
21 Our organization has thousands of certified operators, many
22 who live in Delaware County. Last year alone, we had three
23 major pipelines going at the same time.

24 The safety aspects of these transmission lines
25 are incredible. From the very beginning of making the pipe

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	1 and coating it, if it is nicked, they throw it away, to the
	2 transport of, to the unloading of it, to the actual
	3 construction and the x-ray of the joints, each workman is
	4 held accountable for each and every weld that he makes.
	5 Every operator, every laborer, every teamster, everything
	6 they do they are held accountable on a the safety aspects of
	7 this, and at the end there are excess pressure tests that
	8 are also done on these pipes.
	9 There will be a tremendous spin-off of impact
	10 benefitting the local merchants, hotels, restaurants and
	11 suppliers. The long-term benefits will be a tremendous
	12 amount of tax revenue for the counties, towns, school
	13 districts that have been financially stressed over the
	14 years. This is also a public access pipeline, which gives
	15 all towns across the gas line, the ability to further
	16 develop and have the opportunity for natural gas, which they
	17 do not have now.
	18 They may have no considered businesses but now
	19 they may consider with natural gas. We all need balance,
	20 good-jobs, low-cost gas in the New York market. It will
PM3-14	21 benefit home owners, commercial customers throughout the
	22 state. We support this project, thank you for your time.
	23 MR. ZUILL: Yes, my name is Jeffrey Zuill from
PM3-15	24 Bainbridge, New York. Z-u-i-l-l. I am a proud member of
	25 Local 825 Operating Engineers. We are supporting this

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The commentor’s statements in support of the proposed project are noted.
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1 project because it would mean good local jobs instead of
2 having to drive one hundred miles down the road, it would be
3 good local jobs and I don't think there's a tradesman in
4 here tonight that does not want to work close to home.
5 The environmental reviews, the pipelines we have
6 been on before, there is very little margin for error. I
7 mean everything is double-checked, triple-checked. It's
8 about as environmentally-friendly as you can find as far as
9 construction and the long-term maintenance.
10 The long-term effects of this will affect
11 everyone economically. If there is a local business along
12 the route of this pipeline, that can honestly say they don't
13 need extra revenue, or would like to thrive during the
14 construction and after, when they have suffered for so many
15 years and worked hard to scrape through.
16 The economic benefits are tremendous to
17 municipalities, to schools, to townships, fire departments,
18 all along the way and it just keeps going. They pay a
19 tremendous amount of tax every year and I think it would be
20 a great project for the area. If it brings new business in,
21 that's what we need, okay. This area is stagnant. We need
22 to do something, give new businesses one more thing that
23 makes it attractive to come to this area.
24 I mean we have got the infrastructure, we have
25 natural gas, that's great. If it brings one or two more big

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1 businesses in, it's done its job, you know. That's what
2 this is all about. I think it's a win-win situation for
3 everyone, especially the people here in New York, for their
4 property taxes, their school taxes are going out of sight.
5 You have to have something to offset those costs and that's
6 what this pipeline will do every year, you know. The
7 spin-off businesses, everybody is going to benefit from
8 this, that's a working person or is self-employed and I
9 don't think there's a tradesperson in here that would not
10 like to be on that job, because they are good jobs, they are
11 safe jobs and I think it's a win-win situation for everybody
12 involved, okay, thank you very much.

13 MS. ROWE: Hi, my name is Judy Rowe. J-u-d-y
14 R-o-w-e and I'm from Harpersville, New York and I grew up in
15 this town.

16 MR. BOWMAN: Excuse me, the gentlemen in the
17 first row, can you put your phone on silent, for the
18 speaker, please, you can just hold it in your lap, you're
19 very close. Thank you very much, please continue.

20 MS. ROWE: Me and my husband have lived in this
21 area most of our lives. Any time we have moved away, we are
22 drawn back to upstate New York with its rolling hills and
23 all the water streams, the waterways we have here and it is
24 just a beautiful place to live.

25 My point tonight is that this proposed pipeline

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1 has nothing to do with fracking or drilling deep into the
2 earth to release stored gases and the safety of this
3 proposed pipeline. My husband has been an operating
4 engineer since 1986. In his very first job he went out on a
5 pipeline, it was not a gas line, it was an electric line,
6 and there weren't any protests from landowners about that
7 line and that electric pipeline had to follow all the same
8 guidelines and rules from the federal and state government.

9 They had to clear the land and restore it by
10 these guidelines. The Millennium line, and connecting lines
11 to the Millennium line have been done through these same
12 guidelines. A close friend of mine lives on Blassley Road
13 in West Windsor where a pipeline connector to the Millennium
14 pipeline was just done like a year and a half ago. She was
15 telling me this week about all the deer she has seen on her
16 road and she went on and on about Bill's farm on the corner
17 and how his never looked this good in the thirty years that
18 they have lived there and other places on their road.

19 They have done a really beautiful job of
20 restoring, when they do these pipelines. These companies
21 put down a wildlife grass-seed mix that draw in the deer and
22 turkey, giving them better nutrition. The birds also
23 benefit by all the new growth that is created where the
24 pipeline goes through.

25 What I have observed with my husband's jobs is

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1 how nice the land looks once the restoration has been
2 completed and regrowth has begun. The terrain is smooth and
3 it is just, a lot of times it looks much nicer than it did
4 with the overgrowth before.

5 I would like to address the safety of these pipes
6 after they are underground. The pipes have to pass tests
7 prior to even being used. The welds are sealed and when the
8 entire spread has been completed and all the pipes are
9 buried, and then a smart device, called a smart pig travels
10 through the pipe and it records any anomalies, any
11 weaknesses.

12 So if a rock falls and it dings a pipe as it is
13 being covered up, this could create a weakness and that's
14 what these smart devices find. So then these pipes have to
15 be dug up before it's ever been used and the smart pig
16 process has to be done all over again and then once deemed
17 safe by all of the safety officials and a pressurized test
18 is done with water, all of this is done before any gas flows
19 through the pipe.

20 All these lines are doing is transporting gas
21 from one line to another, from wells drilled elsewhere.
22 There is no fracking into our precious Marcellus shale that
23 is right underneath our very feet. The beauty of the land
24 is maintained or made better. The wildlife thrive, the
25 safety is there under the ground, more consumers are getting

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1 a precious commodity delivered, our local tradesmen are
2 making a living in their very own hometown area and the only
3 issue would be if a homeowner needed that section of land
4 deemed for pipeline use, to be right where they had plans to
5 build something.

6 And then the last point, local tax benefits in
7 the form of sales and use tax, annually it's projected 1.3
8 million to Chenango County, 2.1 million to Broome County,
9 these are our counties, our communities that would benefit
10 and I sure could use a tax break from the 6,500 dollars a
11 year that we pay for school and property taxes-

12 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.

13 MS. ROWE: School and property taxes, especially
14 where the safety of the federal government overseeing these
15 lines, thank you.

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16 MR. ANDERSON: Stuart Anderson. S-t-u-a-r-t
17 A-n-d-e-r-s-o-n. I sat through the entire hearing last
18 evening in Oneonta and I wanted to speak briefly about the
19 environment that I grew up in. I'm old enough to remember
20 tattoos on old people's arms in the subway, indelible
21 evidence of the final solution.

22 I'm old enough to remember fire hoses and police
23 dogs, lunch counters, the wind chain, muddy graves. I'm old
24 enough to remember hard hats, demonstrators, kids who did
25 not want to fight in rich man's waters. I'm old enough to

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PM3-16 cont'd	<p>1 remember when 1984 was only a prophecy and big brother is</p> <p>2 watching seemed like a paranoid delusion. I'm old enough to</p> <p>3 know a bully when I hear one, especially when it whines how</p> <p>4 unfair the world has been to him, to justify screwing his</p> <p>5 neighbor.</p> <p>6 I'm old enough to know a bully when I see one.</p> <p>7 His conscience muffled under a uniform, his bravado inflated</p> <p>8 with false camaraderie, his hunger fueled by carrots he will</p> <p>9 never reach. I'm old enough to see the new fascism, we're</p> <p>10 hopeful enough to thing they can beat it.</p> <p>11 I know I can't do it alone and I'm counting on</p> <p>12 you brave public servants at the front of the room. Please,</p> <p>13 don't let orange become the new brown, thank you.</p> <p>14 (APPLAUSE AND BOOS)</p> <p>15 MR. MOONEYHAN: Antonio Skeedley, Jason Baran,</p> <p>16 Wayne Drake.</p>
PM3-17	<p>17 MR. DRAKE: Hi, how are you doing? I'm here to</p> <p>18 support for the Constitution Pipeline.</p> <p>19 MR. BOWMAN: Your name?</p> <p>20 MR. DRAKE: Wayne Drake. Just because I'm a</p> <p>21 fellow operator here and money made here is money spent here</p> <p>22 and you know, it produces more jobs for everybody, more</p> <p>23 family time for everybody and it does go to improve the</p> <p>24 environment, you know.</p> <p>25 We're just putting the pipe into the ground, you</p>

PM3-17 The commentor’s statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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	1 know, we're not, you know, drilling in the shale, it's just
	2 the pipe, you know and they work with us farmers. I'm a
	3 farmer as well, you know, it's these -- these companies come
	4 and say, hey, we are going to come across your field here,
	5 you know, what kind of till did you put in the area you are
	6 on. I said we're on deep-tilled tillage so they are burying
	7 it deeper.
	8 So they are here for us, they are not here
	9 against us and that's all I got to say, thank you.
	10 MR. LATOURETTE: Bryant Latourette, Sr. It's
	11 B-r-y-a-n-t L-a-t-o-u-r-e-t-t-e and that's Sr. I have
	12 been at the forefront of both sides of this issue for over
	13 eight years. I have started one of the first landowner
	14 coalitions in New York. I am one of the founders of the
	15 Joint Landowners Coalition. I am a local, second generation
	16 businessman that has witnessed the loss of many businesses
	17 and youth leaving to find work.
PM3-18	18 I'm for the pipeline transporting domestic energy
	19 to rebuild and secure this great state and country. That
	20 said, I have a suggestion, there are two stakeholders that
PM3-19	21 will be affected by the pipeline, the landowners whose
	22 property will be appropriated. They should get just
	23 compensation for the land. Unfortunately they can't get
	24 compensation from a company that has the power of eminent
	25 domain.

- PM3-18

The commentor’s statements in support of the proposed projects are noted.
- PM3-19

See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain and easement negotiations.

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1 Eminent domain tips the power to the company.
2 The use of comparable values in finding a just price doesn't
3 cut it. Comparables can never factor the people who walk
4 away from property sales because of a pipeline encumbrance.
5 This is a basic sampling of biased error and it can never be
6 accounted for.
7 Since you don't have two comparables, I suggest
8 maybe it's time to change. Instead of having FERC hearings
9 that have more of the community dividing sessions, how about
10 confining it to those who have the most to gain or lose, the
11 true stakeholders, the deed holders of the land for where
12 the pipeline is proposed.
13 How about true and honorable just compensation?
14 How about changing the way easements are obtained? Instead
15 of companies compensating based on traditional payment of
16 acreage required, how about paying the deed holders a small
17 fractional fee of the gas that is put through the pipeline?
18 Eliminate the traditional acre fee and usage of
19 the pressure of eminent domain as a negative. The
20 fractional fee can start on a sliding scale of capacity.
21 This allows lower costs for the entity in the start-up
22 position. Pay it by a linear foot times circumference and
23 capacity paid bi-annually or annually. The incentive fee
24 stays with the deed, bringing more than one time payment and
25 instead of lessening the future value, it could bring higher

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	1 value for that land.
	2 This will instill pride of knowing that the
	3 landowners, apart of supporting infrastructure with true and
	4 just compensation. Maybe it's time to think outside the
	5 standard procedure and lead with ideas then inspire people
	6 and true stakeholders to want to step up to build
	7 infrastructure that in the end is a benefit, a positive and
	8 benefits all, thank you.
PM3-20	9 MR. BARAN: My name is Joshua Baran. I'm from
	10 Labor and Local 785, I wanted to ask my brothers and sisters
	11 of the local union to join me in the pledge of allegiance
	12 and that's it, thank you very much.
	13 MR. CONNORS: Good evening, my name is Edward
	14 Connors, C-o-n-n-o-r-s and I'm a member of Labors Local 785
	15 and I've been a citizen of Broome County my whole life. In
	16 New York there are nearly four million customers who heat
	17 with natural gas. Approximately half of the households in
	18 the state use natural gas for heating purposes and
	19 residential customers constitute the majority of natural gas
	20 users.
PM3-21	21 We need natural gas to heat our homes, to create
	22 electricity and to drive manufacturing in New York State. I
	23 am here tonight to express my support of the application for
	24 the Constitution Pipeline. The proposal will allow
	25 Constitution Pipeline to move more natural gas, to meet

PM3-20 The commentor's statement is noted.

PM3-21 The commentor's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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1 growing demand, while meeting the strict regulatory
2 requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3 The Constitution Pipeline will result in
4 approximately 1,300 jobs during an approximately one year
5 period of construction. In addition, the project would
6 generate construction payroll of over 190 million dollars,
7 with nearly 80 million dollars of that amount paid to
8 in-state workers. The balance of the payroll will go to
9 specialty pipeline workers with expertise in interstate
10 pipeline construction.

11 The southern tier of New York is suffering from
12 long-term job loss and decline. The local workforce,
13 including my brothers and the Laborers International Union
14 of North America deserve the opportunity to benefit from
15 development of natural gas pipelines and related
16 infrastructure, thank you.

17 MR. DUNDON: Hello my name is Michael Dundon.

PM3-22 | 18 D-u-n-d-o-n. First off I want to say I support the DEIS
19 impact statement. Now I want to talk about some economic
20 benefits from the Constitution Pipeline.

21 Construction payrolls will be over 190 million
22 with nearly 80 million of that amount paid to in-state
23 workers. The balance of the payroll will go to specialty
24 pipeline workers with expertise in interstate pipeline
25 construction. In addition, the Wright compressor station

PM3-22 The commentor's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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1 construction will generate payroll of nearly 1.4 million
2 dollars.

3 The Constitution Pipeline will result in
4 approximately 1,300 jobs during the approximate one year
5 period of construction. The pipeline will expend over 120
6 million dollars for purchases of materials and supplies,
7 equipment, purchases and rentals, fuels, lodging and other
8 purchases. These figures do not account for economic
9 activity associated with workers shopping locally and
10 purchasing items, such as restaurant meals, fuel and
11 groceries.

12 The Constitution Pipeline will generate
13 significant revenue for the state of New York and county
14 government in the form of sales and use of tax receipts.
15 Sales tax revenues generated in New York state is estimated
16 to be approximately four million dollars. Most significant
17 are the property tax revenues that will be paid by the
18 Constitution Pipeline which will total approximately 13
19 million annually, to counties, towns and school districts,
20 which have been financially stressed in recent years.

21 The balance will be paid to county and town
22 governments to provide further local relief. There is no
23 doubt the school districts in upstate New York have been
24 particularly hit hard by state aid reduction since 2009.
25 Annual estimated shares of school tax payments are Schoharie

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1 County, 4 million. Delaware County 2.93 million. Broome
2 County 2.1 million and Chenango County 1.3 million. With
3 this being said by supporting this project and putting
4 multiple people to work, this area will get some real
5 economic stimulus, thank you very much.

6 MR. BUSHNELL: Good evening everybody. My name
7 is Chris Bushnell B-u-s-h-n-e-l-l. I am a member of Labors
8 International Union of North America and President of Labors
9 Local 785. First of all I would like to thank all of my
10 union brothers and sisters for coming out tonight to support
11 this vital piece of infrastructure for New York state.

PM3-23 12 I am writing tonight to express my support of the
13 draft environmental impact statement, DEIS. I believe it
14 fairly addresses all the issues presented on the 124 mile
15 long Constitution Pipeline project. Constitution Pipeline,
16 LLC is a consortium of companies led by Williams Partners,
17 LP a developer and operator of 16,000 miles of interstate
18 natural gas pipeline in the United States.

19 The DEIS states the Constitution Pipeline will
20 allow Williams and its partners to effectively move more
21 natural gas to meet growing demand in the northeast, New
22 York City and New England markets, while still meeting the
23 strict regulatory requirements of New York state.

24 FERC acknowledges in the DEIS that there is no
25 substitution of any fossil fuel energy source, solar or

PM3-23 The commentor's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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1 wind, due to the unreliability and insufficient quantities.
2 This pipeline is the best way to move the energy that we
3 need.

4 I have been a resident of New York state my
5 entire life. I am a proponent of natural gas development.
6 There is tremendous value in producing domestic, clean,
7 affordable energy. The economy in New York state is in
8 serious decline and it has been for some time.

9 The economic benefits to the counties and New
10 York state as a whole are significant and measureable.
11 Approximately 13 million dollars annually to the four
12 counties involved in the Constitution Pipeline. New York
13 state needs to maximize the pipeline services offered by
14 Williams and its partners.

15 We can't afford to discourage investment that
16 leads to job creation, benefits our communities, tax base,
17 it increases natural gas supply to companies, power
18 generators and manufacturers. We cannot allow projects like
19 the Constitution Pipeline to be disrupted by a handful of
20 those fossil fuel -- who oppose fossil fuel development.
21 These same people have used fossil fuel products, and fossil
22 fuels on a daily basis.

23 I would like to thank my apprentice Josh who did
24 a wonderful job on the pledge of allegiance, thank you very
25 much.

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1	MR. MARSH: Good evening, thank you for holding
2	this important public meeting. I am David Marsh, business
3	manager for Laborers Local 785 and there were some serious
4	accusations made by an earlier speaker so I want to ask my
5	union brothers and sisters a couple simple yes or no
6	answers.
7	Was anyone coerced into being here tonight?
8	AUDIENCE: No.
9	MR. MARSH: Are you here for any reason other
10	than you need a good-paying job with pensions and health
11	care?
12	AUDIENCE: No.
PM3-24	13 MR. MARSH: Thank you. I want to express my
	14 support for the draft environmental impact statement. I
	15 believe it adequately addresses all issues presented by the
	16 124-mile long Constitution Pipeline project.
	17 As business manager of Laborers Local 785, I
	18 represent 829 hard-working men and women of Local 785. The
	19 majority of our members live and work right here in the
	20 southern tier in central New York region. Due to the aging
	21 pipeline infrastructure itself, forty or more years ago and
	22 the increasing demand for natural gas in New York and New
	23 England, pipeline construction has become a significant
	24 portion of work our local union laborers perform.
	25 In fact, over the last three years, 30% of the

PM3-24 The commentor's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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1 work hours reported for laborers in Local 785 had been the
2 direct result of pipeline construction in maintenance. The
3 Constitution Pipeline will be built by union labor and our
4 national pipeline agreement requires that a minimum of 50%
5 of local labor will be used on this project.
6 This pipeline will be built by our neighbors and members of
7 our local communities with the experience and knowledge to
8 construct this pipeline safely, with as little impact as
9 possible to the surrounding environment.

10 As many labors, I'm not just a laborer, I'm a
11 father and a land owner. In fact I am a land owner with an
12 active pipeline running through my property. This eight
13 inch propane line was installed in the 1960's. The owners
14 of this line have safely operated for over 50 years. This
15 safe operation is due to regular maintenance and inspection
16 which happens on this line.

17 Stretching across our entire rural neighborhood
18 this pipeline runs under my neighbor's agricultural fields.
19 For many years I have seen him work this land with large
20 farm equipment and with no incident or concern. New York
21 pipeline structure is aging and new lines need to be put in
22 place to handle the demand.

23 New lines such as Constitution incorporate the
24 latest state-of-the-art technology to ensure safe, reliable
25 energy transportation. With advances in coating systems and

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1 cathodic protection, the Constitution Pipeline has a 100
2 plus year lifespan. Today's modern systems can detect the
3 most minute imperfection in a well or in a pipe.

4 Under EIS Section 2.1.12, reliable viability and
5 safety, the report notes that although regulators require
6 remote control shut-off valves that have not yet gone into
7 effect and would apply to pipelines, both in the future,
8 Constitution committed to the use of remote control shut-off
9 valves for the proposed pipeline.

10 It is estimated that 20% of the total
11 construction budget will be spent to make sure environmental
12 compliance, 20% of 700 million dollars.

13 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.

14 MR. MARSH: Okay, I will conclude and I will
15 submit this for the record.

16 This environmental impact statement was compiled by the U.S.
17 Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corp of
18 Engineers, the Federal Highway Administration, New York
19 State Department of Agricultural Markets

20 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please.

21 MR. MARSH: And I feel it adequately represents
22 an adequate study and we support it, thank you.

23 MR. MOONEYHAN: Marty O'Hara, Jenn Colon.

24 MR. O'HARA: My name is Marty O'Hara. Marty,
25 M-a-r-t-y O'H-a-r-a. I have been working in Pennsylvania

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1 for over five years. Working pipelines, we have had to stop
2 working for eagles, bats, snakes, whatever. The
3 environmental is taking care of every day. Nothing more
4 powerful than the environmental out there, they watch you
5 every day of the week, every minute of the day. They take
6 care of it, they watch it. Thank you.

7 MS. COLON: How are you doing tonight? My name
8 is Jennifer Colon, C-o-l-o-n and I am a proud member of

PM3-25 | 9 Local 785. I am here to express my support for the
10 Constitution Pipeline project filed by Williams.

11 The proposed Constitution Pipeline will serve as
12 the additional delivery line for the increased regional
13 production of natural gas. Assuming the project is
14 approved, Williams will be able to help meet the growing
15 demand for natural gas in the northeast. The Constitution
16 Pipeline would deliver enough gas to heat and cool
17 approximately 3 million homes or serve the needs of two
18 large electric generating plants.

19 Additionally, the Constitution Pipeline provides
20 the ability to support and supply the New York City area and
21 New England markets with natural gas produced in
22 Pennsylvania which is more economical and abundant than
23 sources which now supply those areas.

24 For instance, during January, the spot market
25 price for natural gas in the New York City region exceeded

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1 \$120.00 per thousand cubic feet. While the same supply of
2 gas in Pennsylvania, barely one hundred miles away was
3 approximately \$5.00. Constitution Pipeline provides a
4 reasonable way to bring domestic low-cost and clean burning
5 natural gas into the New York state market, benefiting
6 consumers and commercial customers.

7 I urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
8 to rule in favor of the Constitution Pipeline project. The
9 project will bring much needed jobs to the southern tier of
10 New York. Additionally, residents of the counties in which
11 the Constitution Pipeline will exist, will benefit from
12 increased tax revenues, a true loophole, to Williams
13 facilities.

14 The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission needs to
15 rule in favor of the Constitution Pipeline simply because it
16 is good for the economy, for the taxpayers in the southern
17 tier, and the good for all of New York with houses heated by
18 natural gas. Thank you for your time and please rule in
19 favor of the Constitution Pipeline proposal.

20 MR. PAYNE: Hello my name is Steven Payne, that's
21 P-a-y-n-e. I am a federal OSHA safety instructor. Every
22 worker on this pipeline will have an OSHA card. I'm a
23 pipeline safety instructor and a proud member of Laborers
24 Local 785. Our jurisdiction is nine counties of south
25 central New York.

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PM3-26	1 This pipeline goes through our side yard, our
	2 backyards. This is where we raised our families, this is
	3 where our kids play, we hunt here. We have a core of
	4 highly-trained, experienced pipeline workers. We will
	5 ensure that this pipeline is built to last and it is built
	6 safe.
PM3-27	7 I will leave you with this parting thought. If
	8 someone in this room had a sixty or seventy year old artery
	9 going through their heart, old, corroded, deteriorated, they
	10 would go get it fixed. Like Dave said, let's put some new
	11 pipelines in and take the pressure off these old ones, I
	12 thank you for your time.
PM3-27	13 MR. COONEY: Good evening. My name is Francis,
	14 F-r-a-n-c-i-s J.Cooney, C-o-o-n-e-y. I am a proud 28 year
	15 member of Plumber and Pipefitters Local 112. I am standing
	16 here in front of you to express my support of the
	17 Constitution Pipeline which is proposed to be constructed in
	18 Broome, Chenango, Delaware and Schoharie Counties in New
PM3-27	19 York.
	20 As you may know the jobless rate in the southern
	21 tier is high comparable to New York state and the national
	22 average. Williams pipeline projects have provided good
	23 union jobs to members of my local, Plumber and Pipefitters
	24 Local 112, Operating Engineers Local 158, IBEW 325 and the
PM3-27	25 Laborers International Union of North America to name a few.

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The commentor’s statements in support of the proposed project are noted.
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1 Moreover, Williams has contracted with several New York
2 employers that employ union workers in the area, myself
3 included for work on other Williams facilities located in
4 Pennsylvania.

5 I would also like to note that much has been
6 brought about the temporary jobs the Constitution Pipeline
7 will bring to this area. For 28 years, every job I have had
8 has been a temporary job.

9 MR. COONEY: I have been fortunate enough with
10 those temporary jobs to put two children through Syracuse
11 University College.

12 MR. COONEY: The Constitution Pipeline will
13 generate a significant economic development opportunities
14 while also operating within the strict regulations of
15 interstate pipeline in Pennsylvania and New York State.
16 Additionally, construction of the Constitution Pipeline will
17 result in well over 1,000 jobs during approximately the one
18 year period of construction.

19 I would respectfully ask that you grant Williams
20 and their partners in the Constitution Pipeline proposal the
21 necessary permit to construct the pipeline, thank you.

22 MR. MOONEYHAN: Dean Sullivan, William Roche.
23 Dean Sullivan, William Roche.

24 MR. ROCHE: Thank you. My name is William Roche
25 and it's W-i-l-l-i-a-m R-o-c-h-e, middle initial J. My

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1 wife, Christine and I are affected stakeholders in
2 Davenport, New York. There are far more educated
3 individuals here this evening that can speak to the issues
4 of clean water, a fragile eco-system, job creations, changes

5 in topography and so I choose tonight to talk about eminent
6 domain.

7 My wife and I have earned the privilege of being
8 stewards for 127 acres in Davenport, New York. I use the
9 word earn because I personally stand before you as a result
10 of a society that provided me with opportunities to pull
11 myself up by the boot straps and forge ahead and earn my
12 way.

13 I have been through orphanages, I've been through
14 foster homes, I've been through Ivy school colleges. I was
15 taught to take ownership for my mistakes, something we need
16 to teach children today is to take ownership, both for their
17 accomplishments and for their mistakes.

18 I took nothing and never expected to gain from
19 what I did not earn. Throughout my journey I have come to
20 learn the value of friends, neighbors, family and
21 brotherhood. My wife Chris and I planned our passive solar
22 home in Davenport, New York. Our joy was overwhelming for
23 all the good that we sacrificed to improve our quality of
24 life to live with nature.

25 Two weeks before the chubble was to go in the

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1 ground, there standing in our driveway was a man who
2 instructed me -- introduced himself as a landsman for the
3 Constitution Pipeline. He had some papers for us to sign
4 and he went on about how this pipeline would transverse our
5 land and ask for us to sign the survey permit. I told him
6 we were not interested.

7 In time that morning, this stranger to us because
8 adamant, his tone changed, now stating that regardless in
9 the end they will take our land. No, no, he just smirked
10 and he said, "no we won't just take your land, we are going
11 to pay you just compensation". I said, "no, the land's not
12 for sale. There is no just compensation. We earned the
13 privilege to be here without you." He grinned. "We'll put
14 this pipe in he said, where it needs to go, with or without
15 your permission. We are going to offer you just
16 compensation. We are going to offer you just compensation".
17 Over and over again.

18 These last two weeks on television just
19 compensation scenarios rose their ugly head. CEO Mary Barra
20 of GM hired a compensation lawyer Ken Feinberg yesterday to
21 explore ways to provide just compensation to families for
22 thirteen young lives, thirteen young children who died,
23 because again corporate America and the governmental
24 agencies charged in overseeing GM ignored the obvious, the
25 pleas of families for ten years.

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1 These children and young adults were the price of
2 doing business and, "after all we are sorry," stated Miss
3 Barra, but Mr. Feinberg will offer just compensation. The
4 thirteen young lives, your daughters, your sons. David
5 Fieldman, head of the National Highway Safety Administration
6 shook his finger at her and said, "you knew for ten years",
7 and yes we'll offer just compensation.

8 Jay N took his ten year old son fly fishing for
9 six years behind the home, two miles down from the Dan
10 River, not anymore, it's now a toxic waste dump but Duke
11 Energy is going to offer them just compensation.

12 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 second.

13 MR. ROCHE: You go home tonight, ladies and
14 gentlemen and you go into your living rooms, your bedroom,
15 go on your buses and have it filled with other people and
16 let them say to you, I'm going to offer you just
17 compensation, I'm sleeping here tonight. I am going to use
18 your barbeque.

19 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please.

20 MR. ROCHE: Thank you and have a good night.

21 (APPLAUSE AND BOOS)

22 MS. BARLOW: Good evening, my name is Katherine

PM3-29 | 23 Barlow. I am here to support the Constitution Pipeline. I
24 also want to let people know that we are qualified
25 construction workers who can work this pipeline and many

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1 other jobs. We are certified in OSHA as well as other, you
2 know, certifications and I am here to support the line,
3 thank you.

4 MR. HUNTER: Gary Hunter, G-a-r-y H-u-n-t-e-r.
5 I worked on a couple of pipelines and I can tell you about
6 the environmental, how painstakingly they do this, keep
7 things right, on the right and right. As a matter of fact,
8 like this gentleman said before, if you make a mistake you
9 are gone, they don't put up with it and on the pipeline they
10 call that, running you off and they ain't afraid to do it,
11 believe me.

12 I have been in the operating engineers for quite
13 a few years. I have been in construction my entire life and
14 any construction job I have had I have never seen such tight
15 regulations and I mean there is inspectors for everything
16 there. The pipeline has been good to me, as a matter of
17 fact, right now I'm putting a roof on my barn and the three
18 guys that are working on it are from Deposit and they are
19 getting paid with money from the Blue Stone pipeline that I
20 saved a year and a half ago to put that roof on and we need
21 this.

22 Like the gentleman said up there, hold me on the
23 other night, I don't know what people think we are supposed
24 to do upstate, you know, crawl in a cave and break out the
25 animal skins and put them on to stay warm I guess, but the

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PM3-30	1 fact is there's a lot of people struggling, a lot of elderly
	2 people are struggling, they can't even afford to heat their
	3 home, we need something up here and we need it now, so I
	4 urge you to approve this pipeline for the benefit of
	5 everybody in upstate New York, thank you very much.
PM3-31	6 MR. SMITH: My name is Michael Smith and I am a
	7 37 year member of the International Union, I'm a 29 year
	8 member of Local 785 and I want to thank all my brother
	9 members and not only the laborers, but operating engineers,
	10 plumbers, whatsoever and I want to take a minute to address
	11 my friend Jeff Sule, he had a family member die and I just
	12 want to say Jeff, you are in our prayers.
	13 And I'm for the Constitution Pipeline. I'm a
	14 landowner, I have worked on the pipelines, they are the
	15 safest jobs I have ever worked on in 37 years of
	16 construction and I want to say that everybody has their own
	17 opinion and the first lady that spoke and the gentleman who
	18 just spoke a minute ago, when the Constitution Pipeline goes
	19 through and they frack in New York State and they lower your
	20 taxes and your energy bills, you all will accept that.
	21 If you are that dead against it, don't accept
	22 your taxes going down, see how you like that. Like Chris
	23 Bushnell said, you are using the energy right now, but you
	24 don't want something good to happen and believe me it is
	25 going to happen. They said the casinos weren't going to

PM3-30 The commentor's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

PM3-31 The commentor's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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1 happen, it's coming, why waste time, energy, money, it's
2 coming, it's just a matter of time and I'm for it and I know
3 all my brother members are too, thank you.

4 MR. McCORMICK: Paul McCormick, P-a-u-l
5 M-c-C-o-r-m-i-c-k. Paul McCormick, I'm the business rep
6 with Local 158 of the International Union of Operating
7 Engineers, I'm also the Vice-President of the Local. I
8 would like to take a quick moment to thank FERC, the Army
9 Corp of Engineers and all of the other agencies that have
10 been doing their due diligence in the process of the DEIS.

11 MR. McCORMICK: I have 25 years in the
12 construction industry with extensive pipeline experience in
13 all aspects of pipeline construction, from actually putting
14 the pipelines in to meter stations, valve settings, there's
15 not a crew that I have not worked on. I have seen and know,
16 without a doubt, that this pipeline can be constructed
17 safely and at the same time protecting the environment we
18 all live in.

19 With the extremely stringent regulations that
20 FERC and all the agencies involved have in place and
21 Williams and their partners will follow. The economic
22 impact will benefit the area during construction and after
23 with annual tax payments to area agencies that all will
24 benefit from.

25 Also, if you look at Williams plan and what they

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	1 submitted, every cubic foot of gas that goes through this
	2 pipeline daily, is sold, spoken for, so obviously there is a
	3 public need for this gas and this pipeline.
PM3-32	4 In closing, I would like to ask FERC to continue
	5 to help with the Commission with their excellent work they
	6 have done and approve this pipeline for the local, our
	7 brother and sister locals and let's construct this pipeline,
	8 thank you.
	9 MR. CRISPELL: Claude Crispell. C-r-i-s-p-e-l-l,
	10 C-l-a-u-d-e C-r-i-s-p-e-l-l. I have been a New York
PM3-33	11 laborer for 32 years, worked on transportation lines for New
	12 York State Gas Electric. We had inspectors with us all the
	13 time, and inspectors wouldn't let us start until they got
	14 there on our crew, or buffing the wells and lowering the
	15 pipe in.
	16 The line went from Watkins Glen to Ithaca,
	17 Endicott to Binghamton, the line was for supply and demand,
	18 it was in the mid '90s. Remember when schools would shut
	19 down, factories would shut down when you had a hard winter.
	20 That was to alleviate the problem, it wasn't enough.
	21 Another transportation line was put in in the
	22 year 2000, Millenium, that was held up for seven years,
	23 until 2007. I hear concerns about hills being too steep,
	24 pipes washing out, problems with crossing wetlands, streams,
	25 rivers, those two lines were over a lot of mountains through

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The commentor’s statements in support of the proposed project are noted.
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1 valleys, streams, rivers, went by towns without incident.
2 The pipe was flexible. They picked it up and
3 lowered it into the ditch, it was like a piece of rubber and
4 you straighten it out and lower it down in, inspect it all,
5 you inspect the pipe, probably three times different ways.
6 You bore under a lot of the streams, you don't even disrupt
7 them. Sometimes you bore under the wetlands and you bury
8 the pipe deeper under the wetlands and streams.
9 I never seen so many inspectors, never seen so
10 many people on a job in my whole life and I worked a lot of
11 different jobs in 32 years. I even went into Pennsylvania,
12 my brother and I, he has 109 acres, I have got 32, the chief
13 was gathering and LC offered us a pipeline agreement for a
14 24 inch line, we signed in. It was a 50 foot, right-of-way
15 50 foot work area and we got paid for the hundred foot and
16 they went through more of his land than I did, he ended up
17 with 147,000 dollars, that paid a lot of his taxes for a
18 good number of years.
19 They did a very good job, put gates up where we
20 wanted them, they rebuilt the stone wall, planted it with
21 wildlife mix, we had deer, turkey all over the pipeline,
22 everybody wants to hunt the pipeline now.
23 Our steel industry is growing because of cheap
24 natural gas. Dupont and Dow Chemical are moving their
25 companies back to the United States for the cheap energy.

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PM3-33 cont'd	<p>1 The town of Wyalusing, Pennsylvania made an agreement with a</p> <p>2 pipeline company to supply gas to the residents of</p> <p>3 Wyalusing. They took the pipeline through a commercial zone</p> <p>4 there and put a cheese plant in.</p> <p>5 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.</p> <p>6 MR. CRISPELL: Thank you. Natural gas heats</p> <p>7 homes, schools, factories and generates electricity,</p> <p>8 feedstock and plastics, chemicals, fertilizer, safe and</p> <p>9 abundant according to the Department of Energy.</p> <p>10 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please.</p> <p>11 MR. CHRISPPELL: Pennsylvania has lowered its</p> <p>12 utility bills by \$1,200 to everybody, this is it.</p> <p>13 MS. McNOLTE: Hi, I'm Kathy McNolte, I live in</p> <p>14 Sidney, New York. I will address job creation a bit since</p> <p>15 there's a lot of people who want jobs and I want to tell</p> <p>16 them there's plenty of good jobs fixing the aging</p> <p>17 infrastructure in cities, the pipelines in cities.</p> <p>18 My daughter lives two blocks away from two</p> <p>19 buildings that blew up and eight people died, there's plenty</p> <p>20 of jobs for you, you don't need my farm, you don't need to</p> <p>21 steal it. I do not accept the risk to my family to have my</p> <p>22 land stolen and this pipeline forced upon me.</p> <p>23 I have a second daughter who would like to be a</p> <p>24 farmer. I don't want her driving over a high volume, thirty</p> <p>25 inch pipeline and you should not be able to force me to do</p>

PM3-34 See the response to comment IND135-3 regarding the Harlem incident.

PM3-35 See the response to comment FA8-3.

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1 so by taking my land by eminent domain, thank you.

2 MR. MOONEYHAN: Lynn Hartz, Mina Takahashi. Lynn

3 H-a-r-t-z, Mina Takahashi.

4 MS. HARTZ: Good evening, my name is Lynn Hartz,

PM3-36 5 H-a-r-t-z, first name Lynn, L-y-n-n. 100 feet, 100 feet to
6 me is where Constitution decided to put the pipeline, 100
7 feet from my back door. Anyone else in the room with the
8 same situation? Okay. 100 feet is the destruction of my
9 future, excuse me, as my beautiful home will be worth
10 nothing.

11 100 feet could be a whale, a boat, two to three
12 school buses, an extension cord or a hose. Imagine how
13 close that is. 100 feet means I can sit on my neck deck,
14 watch the construction without using field glasses. 100
15 feet, who made that decision, that this is the measurement
16 that is okay? Did they even consider the effects of the
17 landowner, homeowner when locating it so close to a home?

18 Constitution Pipeline is like a dictatorship,
19 taking over land with no considerations for anyone in the
20 way. We ask the overly friendly Constitution representative
21 to see if it could be moved and the answer was no.

22 Our house was an investment, many years of hard
23 work and improvements. Our dream for the future. My
24 husband passed away from cancer last September, so now it's
25 just me struggling with what I should do next. Maybe I

PM3-36 The commentor's statement regarding proximity to a residence is noted. See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values. See the response to comment IND292-8 regarding setback distances.

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PM3-36 cont'd	<p>1 would like to sell and downsize some day, but my choices</p> <p>2 will be limited because the house and adjacent land will be</p> <p>3 worth nothing.</p> <p>4 The banks won't finance buyers and insurance</p> <p>5 companies won't insure. What is \$14,000 to sign? Will that</p> <p>6 bring me happiness and a secure future? Haven't I been</p> <p>7 through enough? Haven't we all been through enough? Please</p> <p>8 consider my comments and rule that the Constitution Pipeline</p> <p>9 does not go through.</p> <p>10 I am all for the advancement but not at the</p> <p>11 expense of my future and others like me, thank you.</p> <p>12 MS. TAKAHASHI: Hi, good evening. My name is</p> <p>13 mina Takahashi, that's M-i-n-a last name T-a-k-a-h-a-s-h-i.</p> <p>14 I'm a landowner in Chenango County and I'm also an</p> <p>15 inhabitant of this plant Earth as we all are and I am here</p> <p>16 to say that I do not approve of this project, the</p> <p>17 Constitution Pipeline because of the environmental impact of</p> <p>18 the project as a whole.</p> <p>19 My understanding is that this panel is here to</p> <p>20 take comment and to evaluate whether this project is in the</p> <p>21 public interest and also to evaluate the environmental</p> <p>22 impacts of this project and I am sure you are aware and I</p> <p>23 hope you will consider the recent report that the</p> <p>24 inter-governmental panel on climate change released this</p> <p>25 week with their irrefutable findings that was completely</p>
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PM3-37 The commentator's statements in opposition to the proposed projects are noted.

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1 agreed upon by over 100 governments, internationally that
2 "human interference with the climate system is occurring and
3 climate change poses risks for humans and natural systems."
4 They go on to -- in the summer they go on to warn
5 that without swift and decisive action to limit greenhouse
6 gas submissions from fossil fuels, this planet is pretty
7 much doomed.

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8 The methane emissions from oil and gas production
9 and distribution via pipelines, is a major contributor to
10 methane emissions. Any build out of fossil fuel or
11 extraction will exacerbate the situation and I believe you
12 are encumbered to really take that into account when you
13 decide whether to permit this project and I hope you will
14 decline. Thank you very much.

15 MR. RODRIQUEZ: Hello, my name is Heriberto
16 Rodriguez, H-e-r-i-b-e-r-t-o Rodriguez R-o-d-r-i-q-u-e-z. I

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17 do not support this project and for the reason being that
18 the environment is drafted, the draft environmental impact
19 statement doesn't address all -- this is a pipeline that
20 goes 124 plus miles and is 30 inches long and it doesn't
21 address all the compressor stations that are going to be
22 needed to push this gas, all the hydrators. So this is, to
23 me, an incomplete draft statement and that reason alone it
24 should be looked at and even maybe denied, because this has
25 to be considered as a full project. Because if it is

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See the response to comment SA6-1 regarding climate change and methane leakage.

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See the response to comment FA4-2 regarding the need for additional compressor stations.

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PM3-40	<p>1 considered that way and I don't think it would pass. So</p> <p>2 what I see now is they are trying to put the cart before the</p> <p>3 horse and putting in the pipe and that is going to lead to,</p> <p>4 it will lead to fracking, it will lead to other things that</p> <p>5 we don't want.</p> <p>6 I come from a town who passed a ban. We don't</p> <p>7 know what gas drilling. There is a majority of towns up</p> <p>8 here in our state who don't want it and know and have</p> <p>9 educated themselves on the dangers and another thing is you</p> <p>10 can't mitigate this. Once the pipeline goes in, the</p> <p>11 companies for years they really don't maintain these</p> <p>12 pipelines, so there is no mitigation on this. I mean how</p> <p>13 can you mitigate something that an accident can happen and</p> <p>14 you can't control, so I say please do not pass this</p> <p>15 pipeline.</p> <p>16 Investigate all those compression stations,</p> <p>17 everything that deals with this pipeline before you approve</p> <p>18 this pipeline, thank you.</p> <p>19 (APPLAUSE AND BOOS)</p> <p>20 MR. MOONEYHAN: Abbie Tamber, Mike Grossmann.</p> <p>21 MS. TAMBER: My name is Abbie Tamber, A-b-b-i-e</p> <p>22 Tamber T-a-m-b-e-r. I agree with my friend over here and I</p> <p>23 think he was very well said but I'm concerned about the</p> <p>24 wetlands and the water. There's a different between a</p> <p>25 manicured environment and a natural habitat.</p>

PM3-40	See the response to comment FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.
PM3-41	The commentator's statements regarding mitigation are noted. See the response to comment CO1-1. As described in table 2.6-1 of the EIS, Constitution would conduct patrolled inspections of the proposed pipeline at intervals of several months for the life of the project.
PM3-42	See the response to comment CO1-2.

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1 There's a difference between a 30 inch pipeline
2 and an 8 inch pipeline. We know about climate change, this
3 is a direct impact on the environment. We can prove the
4 directness. No industry sets out to create a disaster, as
5 Exxon about that the Valdez, ask BP about the oil rig in the
6 Gulf of Mexico. Ask Daiichi about the nuclear power plant
7 in Japan.

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8 Nature can create its own disasters, Hurricane
9 Katrina, Hurricane Isabelle, Tropical Lee, affected all of
10 us locally. A mudslide in Washington is also an example of
11 a natural disaster. No matter how well-regulated an
12 industry is, no matter how well one plans for a disaster,
13 human errors happen. Accidents happen. We don't know what
14 Mother Nature has in store for us in the future.

15 Are we truly protected? Why are we opening our
16 doors? I hope you don't pass this.

17 MR. GROSSMANN: Good evening, Mike Grossman
18 G-r-o-s-s-m-a-n-n. I'm here to address FERC as a direct
19 stakeholder in this project. The Constitution Pipeline has
20 proposed to go through about a thousand feet of my property
21 in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.

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22 I don't see the need for a certificate of
23 necessity. I don't see the need for eminent domain. All of
24 the pipelines that have been created to date have done so
25 without that. With that being said, we are here tonight to

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See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety. See the response to comment IND113-1 regarding flooding.

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All projects regulated by the FERC apply for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain.

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	1 address the application so therefore I would like to on
	2 behalf of landowners who are directly affected by the
	3 pipeline, bring up a couple of points which are not
	4 addressed in any of the offers given by Williams Company in
	5 a contract for the Constitution Pipeline.
PM3-45	6 Number one, all landowners should be required to
	7 be named as additional insured on Williams environmental and
	8 liability policy and any assigns that should follow Williams
	9 in the future. I state this because I am a professional
	10 insurance agent, licensed in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and
	11 I can assure you that given the fact of the pipeline on your
	12 property, no homeowner's insurance will cover any of the
	13 aspects of any pipeline being built.
	14 That being said, if you are named as an
	15 additional insured, it gives you some form of protection,
	16 through the other company should an incident happen.
PM3-46	17 Number two, any roll-back or future taxes should
	18 be a requirement of this application. It is not part of any
	19 contract offered to date by Williams.
PM3-47	20 Number three, addressing what should happen
	21 should the pipe be abandoned any time in the foreseeable
	22 future, and what kind of reclamation would be required by
	23 that abandonment.
PM3-48	24 A fourth, which is only personal to my particular
	25 property, but it affects many other property owners in about

PM3-45	See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding insurance. See the response to comment IND110-16.
PM3-46	See the response to comment LA1-1 regarding property taxes.
PM3-47	See the response to comments IND53-1 and IND505-11 regarding abandonment.
PM3-48	See the response to comment CO45-1 regarding damage to Bluestone Pipeline. See the response to comment CO50-100 regarding compensation for timber.

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PM3-48 cont'd	<p>1 my own number 2.0 to 0.2 to 23.0. There is an offer for</p> <p>2 damages for any trees on the property. There is no offer</p> <p>3 for any damages to Bluestone affected, which has produced</p> <p>4 many jobs.</p> <p>5 That being said, I am in favor of negotiating</p> <p>6 personally with Constitution Pipeline, but it should be on a</p> <p>7 regular basis and not have the eminent domain forcing</p> <p>8 property owners to sign. Thank you.</p> <p>9 MR. WORDEN: Hello, James Worden. J-a-m-e-s</p> <p>10 W-o-r-d-e-n. First I would like to say I appreciate FERC</p> <p>11 for holding these hearings and allowing me and everyone else</p> <p>12 to speak, thank you. Again my name is James Worden, I am an</p> <p>13 intervener in this project as manager of the Upstate</p> <p>14 Landowners Group LLC.</p> <p>15 I represent over a hundred landowners and thirty</p> <p>16 miles of pipeline. I would first like to say that we are</p> <p>17 not interested in stopping the pipeline. We fully support</p> <p>18 the development of natural gas in the northeast and we know</p> <p>19 pipelines are needed for transport of the gas.</p> <p>20 The purpose of the ULG is to educate and</p> <p>21 negotiate a fair price for landowners who have the proposed</p> <p>22 pipeline going across their property. We have been involved</p> <p>23 in the process since the beginning. We have been in contact</p> <p>24 with Mr. Kevin Bowman, who has been excellent and we would</p> <p>25 also like to thank FERC for giving us the opportunity to be</p>
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1 involved in this process.

2 Since FERC has been very receptive to our group,
3 we are sharing some thoughts. We have demonstrated a
4 commitment to cooperate in working out issues to get this
5 project done since the beginning. We have been working with
6 the Constitution Pipeline company on many issues including,
7 the right to survey agreement and the pipeline easement.

PM3-50 8 Nothing with the Constitution has been easy, we
9 have been able to work out most of this as needed to get the
10 necessary paperwork for the project to be completed. Now,
11 we are only looking for fair compensation for our
12 membership. There is a standard set for pipeline easement
13 value that is far off from the Constitution's current
14 offers.

15 It is interesting to note that a company that did
16 set a local price standard sold the pipeline to the parent
17 company of the Constitution, Williams LLC. For many times
18 the cost of installation, the easement percentage cost of
19 this line dropped by the same multiple and in essence the
20 landowner received a far lower payment as a percentage of
21 development costs.

22 In a way Williams has already accepted this
23 standard and is currently obligated to landowners involved
24 with that line. The difference is that development company
25 pipeline, that pipeline development company, did not have

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See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding easement negotiations and eminent domain. The commentor's request to delay approval until negotiations have been completed is noted.

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1 the option of eminent domain, which Williams has with the
2 Constitution line.
3 Also, the capacity of Constitution Pipeline is
4 significantly larger, meaning the profit potential for
5 Williams is greater, while returned land easement costs
6 offer appears to be far less. Eminent domain does not
7 consider the overall value impact to a landowner's remaining
8 property. Constitution is also pushing for a permanent
9 easement and not limited number of years as in the previous
10 pipeline's agreement.
11 I know that the purpose of FERC is to mostly
12 protect the environment and to approve financially plausible
13 infrastructure projects. We believe FERC is far less
14 concerned about the compensation. When FERC issues a
15 certificate to the Constitution, you are giving them the
16 right to take the landowner's property by the right of
17 eminent domain and that is taking away our ability to
18 negotiate a fair price.
19 Constitution has not yet responded to a
20 reasonable offer from the ULG, which was sent per their
21 request. Again I would like to state that we are not
22 interested in stopping the pipeline, but my purpose here
23 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.
24 MR. WORDEN: But my purpose here is instead to
25 formally ask FERC and the Commission to not issue the

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1 certificate to the Constitution Pipeline until they reach an
2 agreement with the ULG. Thank you very much.
3 MS.NABINGER: My name is Dolores Nabinger,
4 D-o-l-o-r-e-s Nabinger, N-a-b-i-n-g-e-r. I'm here for two
5 reasons, first of all I'm the Supervisor for the Town of
6 Bainbridge and I came here to express to the people that way
7 back in May of 2011 Bainbridge was approached by
8 Leatherstocking for a franchise agreement and our town
9 board, I'm just a little bit nervous, anyway --
10 Leatherstocking gave us an application for a franchise
11 agreement granting permission to provide natural gas to the
12 village and parts of the town of Bainbridge.
13 Our town had a public hearing back in 2011 and we
14 had discussed and public hearings and our town board voted
15 unanimously to pass the resolution to grant this franchise
16 to Leatherstocking and we know that with this Constitution
17 Pipeline, that would help Leatherstocking help our little
18 town and village.

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19 I come to you tonight on behalf of the entire
20 town board and want to express that we feel that there is a
21 great need for the distribution of natural gas in our area
22 and the Constitution Pipeline will make this happen.
23 Now I would just like to read a letter that the
24 Mayor of the Village of Bainbridge gave me because he was
25 unable to attend, is that okay? May I read his letter?

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1 MR. BOWMAN: Yes you can, in your remaining time.

2 MS. NABINGER: Okay, Regretfully a previous

3 commitment prevents me from attending this very important

4 comment gathering meeting, however, I would like to inform

5 those who may not know that the Village of Bainbridge, Board

6 of Trustees, on July 17, 2012 adopted a resolution approving

7 a franchise agreement with Leatherstocking to provide

8 natural gas service in the Village of Bainbridge, should it

9 be made available.

10 After due diligence, including meetings with the

11 gas company review by our village attorney, board discussion

12 and public hearing which produced no opposition, the board

13 voted unanimously to adopt said franchise agreement, stating

14 that it was in the best interest of the village.

15 I am certain there will be many comments

16 regarding the benefit of bringing natural gas to our area at

17 this meeting, and I hope the discussion stays civil and

18 respectful and deals with the distribution of natural gas,

19 not the product of same, as the intent of this meeting,

20 respectfully Philip Darling, Mayor of Bainbridge, thank you.

21 MR. WOOD: My name is Everett Wood, E-v-e-r-e-t-t

22 W-o-o-d. I have lived in Delaware County all of my life and

23 I have lived in the town of Sidney for 60 years. I took it

24 upon myself and some others as a group in the town of Sidney

25 to form a coalition which has 17,000 acres out of 32,000

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The Mayor of Bainbridge's statements in support of the proposed projects are noted.

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1 acres of the town. As landowners and citizens, we applaud
2 the construction of the Constitutional Pipeline. It will
3 supply cheap, abundant, domestic energy, gas, from
4 Pennsylvania to destinations in New York, New England and
5 possibly eventually to our friends and allies throughout the
6 world.

7 It will provide tax monies to our counties,
8 townships, school districts, safety squads and libraries
9 along its route. Through distribution lines it will lower
10 energy costs to schools, factories, government, buildings,
11 businesses and residents and provide even more taxes to our
12 communities.

13 This is a welcome relief to our two prime
14 employers, Alacran and Anfinal and to the communities of
15 Sidney, Bainbridge, Afton and Unadilla. In addition,
16 projections are for 1,300 jobs created plus the economic
17 benefits of hundreds of other jobs that are spin-offs from
18 economy activities.

19 For those who have knowledge of pipeline
20 construction, and worries about environmental impact, we
21 expect the companies to address any concerns and fully
22 communicate with the people. Polite, respectable,
23 communication of fact will go a long way to dampen fears.

24 And the most important fact that I want to bring
25 up is until renewable, excuse me, until renewables are cost

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The Mayor of Bainbridge's statements in support of the proposed projects are noted.

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1 effective, gas is our future. We want our oversight
2 agencies equipped with strong, appropriate regulations that
3 are strictly enforced. We will look forward to the
4 Constitution Pipeline as a beginning step in the renewal of
5 our communities, thank you

6 MR. GAWLEY: My name is John F. Gawley,
7 G-a-w-l-e-y. The young man who had us salute the flag,
8 thank you.

9 To the DEIS I think you were remiss, but we will
10 go on with that. I am in favor of the pipeline, I'm in
11 favor of fracking. I am a property owner up here and have
12 been for 45 years. I drove up from Queens today to talk to
13 you. The people who are opposed to the pipeline, or
14 anything else, should be entitled to your opinion, the rest
15 of us are entitled to our opinion.

16 Pipelines have crisscrossed this nation for
17 years, there are thousands of them. To the woman who spoke
18 about the pipeline near her house, I'm a retired New York
19 City cop, there are hundreds of pipelines in New York City,
20 running down the streets and the parkways, by the airports
21 and houses. They have been there for a long, long time.

22 Pipelines, gas does cause damage, but it is
23 usually through neglect and if there is no neglect, they are
24 safe. And I'm proud of the union guys here because I was a
25 Teamster before I was a cop. I support you guys, I support

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The commentator's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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	1 the pipeline. I support the economy that it will bring to
	2 this state and eventually when the entire northeast is
	3 covered with pipelines, and we are not dependent on foreign
	4 oil, we will be a lot securer in our lives and our homes and
	5 our pocketbook, because we won't be sending billions of
	6 dollars overseas to someone else that's taking it away from
	7 us.
	8 I hope that this thing is passed. And I hope
	9 some people who are happy with what they get, thank you.
	10 MS. WROBLEWSKI: Mary Wroblewski, M-a-r-y
	11 Wroblewski, W-r-o-b-l-e-w-s-k-i. I'm from Liverpool New
PM3-55	12 York. I am against Constitutional Pipeline. When
PM3-56	13 Constitutional Pipeline surveyors, they did not ask my
	14 permission to come and survey the property, they ran right
	15 across. They had -- they were mapping out, they did not ask
	16 not even one person from upstate New York during the job.
	17 The job was done by employees from south Jersey,
	18 New Jersey. Reading through the papers, I have just in
	19 February, there was a well fire in Pennsylvania. They are
	20 telling us there should be only 500 feet from a house.
	21 Unfortunately, they could not get any closer than 900 feet
	22 in the radius because of the intense heat.
PM3-57	23 Now yes, they are saying this will bring jobs.
	24 As a surveyor that surveyed properties, surveyed jobs, all
	25 made for each well, jobs are created. Well, I don't think

PM3-55 The commentor's statements in opposition to the proposed projects are noted.

PM3-56 The commentor's statements regarding survey permission are noted.

PM3-57 See the response to comment IND205-1 regarding jobs.

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PM3-57 cont'd PM3-58	<p>1 they are creating as many jobs as they are advertising.</p> <p>2 Unfortunately, what it does, it brings more</p> <p>3 crime, destruction to the road, erosions, contamination. At</p> <p>4 the end in March, Albany had approved 28.6 million dollars</p> <p>5 for solar projects. No way in any newspapers have anybody</p> <p>6 ever mentioned that Albany had approved any money for a</p> <p>7 pipeline, for fracking, for drilling.</p> <p>8 I think either Albany is contradicting</p> <p>9 themselves, or we are being forth led to believe what this</p> <p>10 will do. This will not be a permanent jobs, this is</p> <p>11 something that is temporary and when their pipelines are</p> <p>12 done, the employees are gone, we are stuck with nothing but</p> <p>13 contamination, thank you and have a good night.</p> <p>14 MR. MOONEYHAN: Kim Michels, Thomas Collier.</p> <p>15 MS. MICHELS: Hi, my name is Kim Michels. K-i-m</p> <p>16 M-i-c-h-e-l-s and actually I just wanted to provide you with</p> <p>17 some petitions of people who, some of the people who are</p> <p>18 opposed to natural gas drilling, that is what some of the</p> <p>19 petitions are on, some are on both pipeline and gas</p> <p>20 drilling.</p> <p>21 MS. MICHELS: One of the things that I wanted to</p> <p>22 address was actually a friend of mine, her husband words for</p> <p>23 Anfinal and I have heard a few comments on that issue. She</p> <p>24 told me that when her husband came home from work the other</p> <p>25 day, he was told that all the employees were being invited</p>

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See the response to comment LA1-1 regarding road repairs. Section 3.1.2.3 of the EIS provides a discussion of renewable energy. See the response to comment FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

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	1 to a dinner in Oneonta and also here and that they could
	2 either attend the dinner or not. It was going to be at the
	3 Brooks Barbeque up in Oneonta, I'm not sure what they were
	4 serving here, but that they were expected to be here for one
	5 of the two nights.
	6 And if they value their jobs in the future
	7 (BOOING AND NOISE FROM AUDIENCE)
	8 MR. BOWMAN: Please allow her to speak.
	9 MS. MICHELS: If they valued their jobs in the
	10 future, especially the ability of this plan in Sidney, that
	11 they helped to build, they would come back here and back up
	12 the pipeline, and I'm just asking everybody to be honest.
	13 Did Anfinal or your union leaders provide you with the signs
	14 that you have here today and if that is the case would you
	15 raise your hands?
	16 (NOISE FROM THE AUDIENCE)
	17 MS. MICHELS: I'm just asking you to be honest.
	18 I am going - -
	19 (BOOING AND YELLING FROM THE AUDIENCE)
	20 MR. BOWMAN: Please
	21 MS. MICHELS: I'm sorry, I was going to say can
	22 I, I thought everybody was supposed to be cordial.
	23 MR. BOWMAN: Yes.
PM3-59	24 MS. MICHELS: What I have to say is I am very
	25 much opposed to the pipeline and I am also against this push

PM3-59 The commentor's opposition to the proposed projects is noted.

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1 for renewables. I have done a lot of research in the last
2 five years since this whole gas issue has come about and it
3 is has been a real wake-up call. This pipeline is just part
4 of a much bigger plan and involves turning over New York
5 State and the United States, through economic processing
6 zones, or another term for it is export the processing
7 zones, this basically caters to the trades natural
8 corporations and allows for quite a bit of changing of laws
9 in order to accommodate that and the exportation of people
10 out of state and our country for the benefit of these
11 companies.

12 Just to give you an example, I'm actually, I
13 would also like to add the economy that coal is putting into
14 effect bears a very frightening resemblance, not just to
15 these economic processing zones.

16 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.

17 MS. MICHELS: But also to the encounters of
18 fascism as practiced in Germany and if you don't believe
19 that, all of that is available if you go on-line, look up
20 the economics with fascism, look up export processing zones.

21 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please.

22 MS. MICHELS: And just one final thing I know
23 everybody is talking about the economics of this.

24 MR. MOONEYHAN: Your time has expired.

25 MS. MICHELS: One last thing. I would ask

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1 everyone to take a look at the natural gas infrastructures.

2 MR. BOWMAN: We are going to take a five minute
3 break. We are going to come back in five minutes. There's
4 a lot of talk and cheering from everyone, so I would like
5 you to calm down after this and we are going to take a five
6 minute recess and with that at 9:10 p.m., thank you.

7 MR. BOWMAN: Let the record show we are trying to
8 reconvene the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

9 WOMAN FROM AUDIENCE: Could you please address
10 the hollerers in the back of the room and suppress that kind
11 of behavior?

12 MR. COLLIER: Hello again, my name is Thomas
13 Collier, C-o-l-l-i-e-r..

14 MR. BOWMAN: Let me -- if we have any more
15 interruptions of any kind, that will be the last speaker.
16 This is the last, final and only warning after our break. I
17 would like to remind you that after speaking please do not
18 engage people in the audience. The purpose of this meeting
19 is to get comments from you all to us so please direct your
20 comments to us.

21 Again, if there is any more interruptions, we
22 will close the meeting, please go ahead Mr. Collier.

23 MR. COLLIER: Hello again, I am Thomas Collier,
24 C-o-l-l-i-e-r. Last night inspired by a speaker from Monday
25 night, I spoke about common ground we share as citizens.

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PM3-60	1 Right location, and honest work ethics. I would like
	2 tonight to try and paint this picture as clearly as I can.
	3 We have a multi-national profit oriented
	4 corporation who presents our federal government and its
	5 regulatory body with an undeniably misleading, confusing and
	6 intentionally incomplete, 945 page DEIS. This is the person
	7 whose presence in all of these meetings is this
	8 lawyer-written plan for how it will take our community's
	9 land for profit, legally, according to the law it wrote.
	10 It sends this 945 page book to FERC to sell to
	11 our community. We the people, three important words, the
	12 landowners, come here with all we have. No lawyers, but the
	13 desire for the pursuit of happiness, three more important
	14 words. This is not about length, width, depth, weight or
	15 what can or cannot be gotten away with to a vague,
	16 misleading and incomplete legal ease, this is about
	17 citizens, brave honorable people, up against the person who
	18 would, from the Constitution Pipeline corporation, bribing
	19 their way into our town with grants, arrogance, of material
	20 delivery before any permits are issued, and of course
	21 bullying.
	22 This, we know if blatant, corporate crime. This
	23 is not so much about the material claims, it is about a
	24 higher claim. It's about the heart and soul of real people,
	25 not about corporate criminals, we would not trust to take

PM3-60 The commentor's statements regarding the draft EIS are noted.
See response to comment FA1-1.

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1 your daughter to the prom. Do good work, FERC. Thank you
2 again.

3 MR. DUGGAN: My name is Steven --

4 MR. BOWMAN: Go ahead.

5 MR. DUGGAN: All right, my name is Steven Duggan.
6 That's D-u-g-g-a-n. My mother works for Laborers Local 785.
7 As Steve Payne said earlier, all laborers are required to
8 have an OSHA certificate. Part of OSHA is environmental
9 safety. And in order to work the pipeline, you had to take
10 courses such as hazardous waste.

PM3-61 11 All pipeline workers are certified in these
12 courses. The food and beverages and the t-shirts that you
13 see tonight, they were all paid for by union dues. That
14 would be all.

15 MS. CRAGNOLIN: Good evening, I'm Janice
16 Cragnolin. C-r-a-g-n-o-l-i-n. I live in Delaware County.
17 I presented last night in Oneonta for myself and my mother
18 asked me to present for her tonight so I am presenting her
19 statement.

20 MR. BOWMAN: Closer to the mic.

21 MS. CRAGNOLIN: Thank you. For Alicia Pagano,
22 Dr. Alicia Pagano, thank you very much, bear with me.

23 Hello chairperson, community elected officials,
24 neighbors and everyone to whom we present our statements. I
25 asked my daughter to read my statement tonight as I am 85

PM3-61 The commentor's statements regarding unions are noted.

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	1 years old and I am unable to attend.
	2 Our family has lived here in Otsego, in Delaware
	3 County for over 300 years. We have always worked together
	4 in our community. My father and my brother have held
	5 volunteer jobs as firemen right here in these counties.
	6 They often left their paid or their paid-jobs or their sleep
	7 to answer emergencies.
PM3-62	8 I ask you now, what protections do we have in
	9 place? What protections are you requiring for these firemen
	10 and their volunteer jobs for pipeline-related accidents?
	11 What protection are you requiring for those of us who live
	12 here? For our homes and the future of the jobs we now hold?
	13 The pipeline will destroy many of our current
	14 family jobs, farming, professional fire fighter people,
	15 doctors, nurses, teachers and tourism workers. All of our
	16 jobs will be affected by the invasion and the construction
	17 of the pipeline and the presence of a pipeline. What
	18 protections are in the regulations for us?
	19 We are not bussed in, we live here. Thank you.
PM3-63	20 I would like to add to my mother's statement that
	21 I understand there are only eight months-worth of jobs for
	22 constructing the pipeline, and there will be a lifetime of
	23 repercussion, generations-worth of repercussion to what is
	24 happening, and I would ask that you not permit it. Thank
	25 you very much.

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See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety. See the response to comment LA1-6 regarding emergency responders.
- PM3-63

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1 MR. MOONEYHAN: Eugene Marner, William Huston.

2 MR. MARNER: My name is Eugene Marner,

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3 M-A-R-N-E-R. It is my understanding that it is against the
4 law for an applicant to fragment the project. When Williams
5 came to Delaware County, to Franklin back -- a couple of
6 years back when this all began, they said that their project
7 was not connected to the central compressor station in, down
8 in Pennsylvania and it was not connected to the Wright
9 compressor station.

10 It was just a pipeline. Now, it must be a
11 miraculous pipeline that can transport gas 124 miles without
12 any compression behind it. So we asked FERC, many of us, I
13 think I did, in one of my comments, but during the scoping
14 period, we asked FERC to take into account that the project
15 was being fragmented and that is apparently illegal.

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16 There is something else that has come to my
17 attention, and that is the other docket number CP13-502, the
18 Iroquois gas transmission system. I have here a brochure
19 that they published, it is called So-No, south to north
20 project. It shows the Constitution Pipeline joining the
21 Iroquois at Wright, at the Wright station and the gas going
22 right up to Canada.

23 And it says here, this is so we can export the
24 gas to Canada. We can send this gas to Canada. Now
25 everybody from where it can be exported to any place,

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See the response to comment CO41-29 regarding the Central Compressor Station.

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See the response to comment CO26-18 regarding the SoNo project. See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export.

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1 liquefied and sent to European markets and Asian markets,
2 and everybody has been talking about the economic benefits
3 of gas here in New York state, imagine that if this goes
4 through that gas will remain cheap, the way it is now
5 because it is being overproduced and because these companies
6 have to be cranking it out to keep their investors happy, so
7 this is a surplus of gas, so it's cheap.
8 But gas doesn't sell for \$4.00 a million cubic
9 feet or whatever the number is, it sells for 8 or 9 in
10 Europe and 12 or 15 in Asia, and that is where it is going
11 to go and this is a world price. When gas goes to 8 or 9,
12 if this gas is being sold for 8 or 9 dollars in Europe or 10
13 or 12 in Asia, here in New York it is going to be the same
14 price, because these are global prices that are affected by
15 global markets, that's all, thank you.

16 MR. MOONEYHAN: William Huston, Vera Scroggins.

17 MR. HUSTON: William Huston, H-u-s-t-o-n. Okay,
18 so we have been hearing a lot about -- I just want, before I

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19 get in to the subjects of my comments, I just want to talk
20 about what just happened and we have been putting up with
21 this for the last three days. They bus in these union
22 people from 80 to 100 miles away. Yesterday there was one
23 bus from Newfield, I'm sorry, Newburgh, New York and another
24 bus that came from Rome. Rome is 80 miles from Oneonta,
25 Newburgh is 125 miles, down by Poughkeepsie.

PM3-66 The commentator's statements regarding the comment meetings
are noted. See the response to comment CO50-108.

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1 These guys are being bussed in here from a long
2 ways away to bully us and to take the time from legitimate
3 interveners to make legitimate comments on the DEIS that our
4 substantive in nature and these guys have one thing to say,
5 jobs, jobs, jobs and the economic benefits. I am going to
6 talk about some of the economic benefits here.

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7 First of all, I made a mistake. I quoted
8 somebody from the Monday hearing that there were actually
9 only going to be seven permanent jobs as a result of this
10 pipeline, that was in error. I actually looked it up in the
11 DEIS this morning and it is five. So all of you guys in the
12 orange shirts, this thing is going to produce five permanent
13 jobs and you all are getting played.

14 You all are victims just like we are. And what I
15 want to tell you is that we have been bullied by these big
16 guys in orange shirts for the last three days and I was just
17 threatened, and I just made a police report, and I don't
18 know what's going to happen. This guy said, "you better
19 wish I don't follow you out of here," that's what he said.
20 "You better hope I don't follow you out of here".

21 We shouldn't have to put up with this. Let's
22 talk about the economic benefits. We have heard quoted
23 repeatedly tonight that there is going to be 13 million
24 dollars of property tax benefits due to this pipeline. Keep
25 in mind that there is not going to be any revenue from the

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As stated in section 4.9.1 of the EIS the proposed projects are expected to result in 7 permanent jobs.

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1 gas being transported through the pipeline, that's 100% the
2 profits of the mystery company which is Williams.

PM3-68 3 Let's talk about the 13 million dollars. 2.1 for
4 Broome County, 1.3 million Chenango County, 4.9 million
5 Delaware County, 4.4 million Schoharie County. Curiously,
6 Susquehanna County isn't listed. I wonder why that is, I
7 don't know, but any way it comes out to 12.7 million, let's
8 call it 13 million.

9 So what they are paying taxes are on the
10 right-of-way that they lease, right. So that has value,
11 well what's the value of that? Well, it's whatever, if they
12 lease one-tenths of that property, the value is one-tenth of
13 your property taxes, that's what they lease it for. That's
14 what they pay for, that's the assessed value.

15 Do you see what I'm getting at? People are
16 already paying taxes, instead of me the property owner
17 paying taxes on that little strip of land, now it's
18 Constitution that's paying taxes. There is zero net income.

PM3-69 19 This 13 million dollars is false, it is a lie. There is
20 going to be zero property tax benefit from this Constitution
21 Pipeline and there are enumerable environmental impacts from
22 this which we have been telling you about for the last three
23 days.

PM3-70 24 And I hope you have been taking good notes and
25 you take it back to the Commissioners. This application is

PM3-68 As stated in table 4.9.7-1 of the EIS, Susquehanna County would receive \$250,000 in property taxes annually. Property taxes for the proposed pipeline would total 12.95 million annually. Operation of Iroquois' project would result in \$1.5 million in annual property taxes to the Town of Wright.

PM3-69 Landowners would still be responsible for their property taxes. Constitution would pay \$12.95 million and Iroquois would pay \$1.5 million per year in addition to property taxes paid by the landowner.

PM3-70 See response to comment FA1-1.

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PM3-70 cont'd	1 defective. The applicant does not deserve a certificate of
PM3-71	2 public convenience because of their atrocious compliance
	3 record.
	4 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 second.
	5 MR. HUSTON: Environmental and safety record.
	6 You need to withdraw, FERC is not doing your job as lead
	7 agency implementing the National Environmental Policy Act,
	8 take this thing back and throw it in the shredder.
	9 MR. MOONEYHAN: Vera Scroggins.
	10 MS. SCROGGINS: I'd like to address, I'm an
	11 intervener on this pipeline and I'm an intervener on other
	12 pipelines as well. I'm from Susquehanna County, Vera
	13 Scroggins, V-e-r-a S-c-r-o-g-g-i-n-s. I would like to also
PM3-72	14 talk about the record of Williams.
	15 Williams and our county has had two gas leaks,
	16 explosions and fires at two compressor stations over the
	17 past two years and they also have had the same type of
	18 incidents in New Jersey, New York and the southern part of
	19 our country and that is in the past two years.
	20 Also, the Cabot Oil and Gas that is supporting
	21 this line has up to this point in our county, Susquehanna,
	22 540 DEP violations so far and millions in fines. These are
	23 the type of companies that are supporting this line and
	24 producing this line and look at their record at this point.
	25 We have hundreds of miles of pipelines in our

PM3-71 See response to comment CO47-1.

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1 county. We have over 800 gas flows and property tax at the
2 most, has been one or two percent reduced the past two years
3 after five years of drilling and if you can compute that on
4 your taxes in New York, you will see what kind of a savings
5 you are thinking you might be getting, one or two percent,
6 that's after five years of working in our county.

7 And I would like to also add that a lot of the
8 workers in the pipelines in our county were out of the area,
9 out of the county, out of the state, coming from long
10 distance, and they didn't use many, at all, of the local
11 people. I also heard complaints from the unions in our
12 county, from the welders, and they showed that they didn't
13 do work for Williams because of the conditions of this
14 company and how they treated, and what they offered them.

15 So unless you have a guarantee from your unions
16 that you are going to be working, I wouldn't count on what
17 kinds of jobs you might get, and how many will get it. At
18 this point also, we are dealing with environmental impacts
19 of all kinds because when they do the pipelines, they are
20 cutting through 100 to 150 foot slots and we are getting a
21 lot of logging being cut down. We have the most lumber we
22 have ever seen in decades in our county and the price of
23 lumber has plummeted because of the increase in lumber that
24 we have.

25 So you are opening all of these areas and then

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The commentor's statements regarding logging are noted.

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See the response to comments CO1-4 and IND169-1 regarding erosion.

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PM3-74 cont'd	<p>1 the run-off, the sediment run-off is the most that they are 2 seeing in our waterways. This is not something good for the 3 future of our eco-system. Eco-systems also that they are 4 opening up in the forest that they are breaking up and 5 cutting through all kinds of breeding and birds and 6 everything else that we have, it is throwing off our 7 eco-systems.</p>
PM3-75	<p>8 When you are talking about all these pipelines, 9 this is not going to be the last pipeline that will probably 10 be coming into New York. We also have compressor stations 11 every two to four miles of our pipelines and dozens of 12 emissions, we are talking about, that does emit toxic 13 emissions, by the tons from each compressor station and we 14 are having all kinds of complaints of health impacts, 15 besides the noise and then there's the health impacts, and I 16 know that these people who are working for the unions, they 17 care about their families, they also care to</p>
	<p>18 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 second.</p>
PM3-76	<p>19 MS. SCROGGINS: make sure that things are good 20 for everyone, please consider the Pennsylvania people, what 21 we are going through with the water contamination, the air 22 contamination because of this whole industry and think about 23 us too, that we have to be frank even more than ever as we 24 have to put all the gas that goes through this pipeline, and 25 it has a high radon content also, we have high radon in</p>

PM3-75 See the response to comments CO41-21 and IND13-4 regarding regional air quality.

PM3-76 See the response to comment LA5-6 regarding radon.

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1 Marcellus and radon in the gas that will be coming through
2 to the whole area.
3 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please.
4 MS. SCROGGINS: Thank you very much.
5 MR. MOONEYHAN: Craig Stevens, Ann Sauter.
6 MR. STEVENS: Good evening, thank you Craig
7 Stevens and Silver Lake Township, Pennsylvania. I was asked
8 earlier why I am here the third night in a row. Maybe the
9 FERC people want to know too. We are the extraction colony
10 that is going to provide the gas that is being sent to
11 wherever it is going, when it's through this 30 inch pipe,
12 so I am trying to come here and enlighten you guys and maybe
13 we can shut it down. We would like to figure out what all
14 the problems are with our water and air quality issues.
15 Where we live, before we sent the problem up to
16 New York state, my mom is from Oswego so I have a stake in
17 New York too, at least as a fifth generation New Yorker.

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18 Six explosions and fires at compressor stations in eighteen
19 months by the company you are planning on giving this
20 license to, to steal actually.
21 FERC, we the people of the United States of
22 America, are demanding a federal investigation into these
23 incidents, along with hundreds of others occurring
24 nationwide, including Class 1 rural, which allows for no
25 over-sighting except by the company that operates the

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See response to comment CO47-1. See the response to comment
IND166-4 regarding class locations.

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1 systems. A lack of over-sight is a public health and safety
2 hazard.
3 If this were aircraft falling out of the sky, we
4 would be shutting down airlines and grounding the types of
5 planes involved until we were assured of their safety, but
6 instead we watch as these incidents occurred more
7 frequently.

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8 The federal, state, county and local governments,
9 regardless of classification of their area, must retain
10 jurisdiction on this type of infrastructure, to actively
11 safeguard and prevent dangerous accidents like those from
12 happening when companies, themselves, are left in charge of
13 them.
14 The Constitutions of Pennsylvania and the United
15 States of America do not allow the citizens to be put in
16 danger from avoidable, potentially fatal incidents that are
17 occurring on a frighteningly-regular basis. And to allow
18 such would be a dereliction of duty for any official or
19 emergency responder anywhere.
20 My father spent 63 years in the civil air patrol
21 and specialized in emergency management. He would never
22 have tolerated this frequency of issues from the same type
23 of equipment, let alone the same company, without demanding
24 a full accounting and responsibility being taken for it.
25 The company Williams, is operating hundreds of

PM3-78 See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety. See response to comment CO47-1.

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1 these stations and thousands of miles of pipelines across
2 America, and regulatory authorities should be treating each
3 incident as unacceptable and six in eighteen months is a
4 pattern of issues that should be considered systemic in
5 nature.

6 You are all put on notice that the citizens who
7 have empowered you, and the taxpayers who foot the bill,
8 demand immediate answers and actions. Any lack of action
9 will regard as a dereliction of duty and should result in
10 immediate resignation or removal from office by your bosses,
11 we the people.

12 (APPLAUSE)

13 I'm just reading the news, Google Williams and
14 you will find that there are very interesting things with
15 all of the problems that they have had. The workers were
16 welding a portion of a non-active type at the compressor
17 station at the time of the explosion, while 7:00 p.m.
18 emergency responders, including firefighters and ambulances
19 rushed to the scene. Mayor Jim Leonard said he will ask the
20 Federal Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety
21 Administration, which regulates the pipeline safety to
22 investigate.

23 The fire started at the facility early on Monday
24 and was followed by an explosion, I'm sorry, explosion in
25 one storage tank, said Ed Dunbar, a captain with Benton

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1 County fire district office, resident.

2 Guys if you are in the orange shirts, these are
3 all the people that they put into jeopardy, I mean, come on,
4 they don't care about you. When you get blown up and
5 burned, there is no care by Williams, but hopefully your
6 union will take care of you. The explosion destroyed two
7 homes and damages another, Dunbar said, leaving a crater in
8 the ground sixty feet around.

9 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.

10 MR. STEVENS: At least one person was transported
11 to a local hospital with burns, the other was brought in to
12 the hospital for evaluation.

13 I'm going to end it again like I did last night.
14 The scariest thing I ever heard is we are from the federal
15 government to help. So I am going to call FERC, fires,
16 explosions, rights-trampling, constitution-abusers, thank
17 you.

18 MR. MOONEYHAN: Annie Sauter.

19 MS. SAUTER: My name is Annie Sauter S-a-u-t-e-r.
20 It's hard to know where to start with all there is just so
21 many things. I know you don't want us to ask questions or
22 have any audience participation, but I would just like to
23 say that to Mr. Payne, who was from OSHA who spoke before
24 saying how safe it was.

25 How can you say that in the fact of six

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PM3-79	<p>1 explosions in eighteen months, not to mention WHIP that just</p> <p>2 exploded in Carlsbad and it took weeks and weeks for the</p> <p>3 information to come out that the people had been fatally</p> <p>4 poisoned with radiation.</p> <p>5 And also about the pump. I'm an impacted</p> <p>6 landowner, our land -- I'm not sure if it goes right through</p> <p>7 our land, they might have moved it, like fifty feet from our</p> <p>8 land up the hill where it floods down all the time, so I'm</p> <p>9 not sure if it is directly on my land but it will affect my</p> <p>10 husband and my business. We have a forge and ceramic</p> <p>11 pottery there and we have a lot of fire there all the time</p> <p>12 and if they were to be a gas leak, it would be really a bad</p> <p>13 place to have a gas leak. We would be stuck between the</p> <p>14 river and the explosion like those other people who got</p> <p>15 burned to death.</p> <p>16 Let me see, the other thing is talking about how</p> <p>17 there is going to be economic benefit. I have lived</p> <p>18 down-wind from a compressor before. I didn't live here my</p> <p>19 whole life, I've lived all over the place. My husband is a</p> <p>20 veteran, U.S. Air Force, medic veteran, and he has damaged</p> <p>21 kidney from exploding a TCE from Superfund sites, it used to</p> <p>22 be called an air base.</p> <p>PM3-81</p> <p>23 I forgot what I was going to say -- oh, and as</p> <p>24 far as automatic cut-offs, Mr. Marsh was speaking about how</p> <p>25 they were going to put in automatic cut-offs. Even if they</p>

PM3-79 See response to comment CO47-1 and comment IND13-3.

PM3-80 The commentor's parcel is not crossed by the proposed pipeline.
The commentor's parcel was crossed by alternative M.

PM3-81 See the response to comment IND385-7 regarding valves.

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1 put in automatic cut-offs, I know Whip had automatic
2 cut-offs to which they originally said cut-off before any
3 pollution made it to the surface and then it turned out well
4 maybe there was a minute, well maybe there was five minutes,
5 well maybe it's still leaking out, plutonium and uranium all
6 over the southwest.

PM3-82

7 As far as the gas having radon in it, do you
8 really want gas with radon in it pumped in to heat your
9 schools? I mean we know we have radon around here, you got
10 down in your basement and you take a Geiger counter and it
11 just starts clicking away and when they take that gas up, if
12 it has radon in it and then the closer it is, I mean it
13 comes into your school, then they are going to burn it in
14 there? What's going to happen with that? Do you really
15 want pipes, hot pipes, literally hot pipes, in your kids
16 schools?

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17 And talking about economic benefits, that's what
18 I was going to say before. The economic benefit, yeah, well
19 maybe it will make however many new jobs in your town, I
20 wonder if anybody knows how much it costs to treat one case
21 of childhood cancer from living down-wind from a compressor.

22 When we lived down-wind from a compressor, every
23 time they released it, or vented it, or whatever they call
24 it, people would sit around there in the desolation of what
25 was left of Pawney Rock, Kansas, after the oil and gas left,

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See the response to comment LA5-6 regarding radon.

PM3-83

See the response to comment CO57-4 regarding health impacts and comments CO41-21 and IND13-4 regarding air emissions.

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1 and they would say, oh it smells like money. And then you
2 would drive into town with the stink of methane every twenty
3 feet and then you would go into the 7/11 or whatever the
4 Sonic and on every counter --

5 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.

6 MS. SAUTER: There would be a canister with a
7 bald kid, begging for quarters to pay for their cancer.
8 Please don't do it

9 MR. MOONEYHAN: Loddie Marsh, Ray Lewis.

10 MS. MARSH: Hi, my name is Loddie Marsh,
11 M-a-r-s-h. I am eclectic homeowner and intervener.
12 Cabot-Williams is purposefully pitting the union members
13 against homeowners by having them bussed in, given a shirt,
14 given a hat, and given dinner.

PM3-84 | 15 Although the union members hold signs saying they
16 live here, they are from as far away as Rome, New York, 80
17 miles and Newburg, New York, 125 miles away. They have been
18 coached to disrupt the true land-owners comments. It's
19 amazing to me how little it takes to have people forego
20 their integrity, maybe when they are in a mob it's easier.

21 Jobs is a hot-button word and it's been used not
22 only by the union, but by companies as well to manipulate
23 people. Anfinal for instance. Anfinal has been in the
24 press with Cabot-Williams as its so-called job's "savior".
25 If Anfinal was so concerned about being competitive, why

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The commentor's statements regarding the union are noted. See the response to comment CO50-108 regarding the comment meetings.

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	1 didn't they get gas years ago. Surrounding towns, Walton,
	2 Oneonta and Norwich have had natural gas for 40 years. A
	3 pipeline connection to any of these towns would be
	4 cost-effective and alleviate the need of Anfinal to keep
	5 outsourcing jobs to Mexico and China, which they have done
	6 even after receiving 750,000 dollars incentive from the IBA
	7 to stay in the area and close to 50 million in state and
	8 flood recovery funding.
	9 For over 60 years, Mirabitos has had the monopoly
	10 strangle-hold on oil and propane in Sidney. Now that
	11 Mirabitos has become a partner to Corning-Leatherstocking
	12 and stand to reap great financial gains, suddenly it's,
	13 "yeah, natural gas" and Anfinal is using that for all it's
	14 worth.
	15 Anfinal may employ less than 800 people in the
	16 tri-county area, but have their dark side, having
	17 contributed greatly to the super-fun sites in Sidney and
	18 cancer cluster areas. Anfinal does not need the pipeline to
	19 get gas, there are other vendors. This pipeline is a
PM3-85	20 panacea, it can easily bring our rumination. The burning of
	21 natural gas is not truly cleaner and the extraction process
	22 makes it much more environmentally disastrous than either
	23 coal or oil.
PM3-86	24 An accident or spill knows no boundaries or
	25 property lines and the people who don't want the

PM3-85 See the responses to comments CO26-19 and IND21-7.

PM3-86 See the response to comment CO16-3 regarding spills.

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1 infrastructure and build-out which will industrialize our
2 rural communities will suffer devastation and loss. The
3 profit is not ours. The damage left behind is ours, thank
4 you.

5 MR. MOONEYHAN: Ray Lewis, Steven Stoddard.

6 MR. LEWIS: Ray Lewis, L-e-w-i-s. I would like

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7 to talk about the impact of this pipeline on land values.
8 The highly esteemed certified property appraisal group,
9 called the Forensic Appraisal Group, based in Osh Kosh,
10 Wisconsin, completed 18 studies on the impact of natural gas
11 transmission lines on private property values.

12 From these 18 studies, they concluded that a
13 pipeline across private property will reduce your whole
14 property value by an average of thirty percent, therefore if
15 your property value is \$500,000.00, putting a pipeline
16 through there drops that value to \$350,000.00 immediately,
17 that's a \$150,000.00 decrease.

18 My question is this. Is the just compensation
19 coming from Cabot for that loss of \$150,000.00? There is no
20 just compensation coming from Cabot for that loss. This my
21 friends, is the epitome of robbery. So now not only are we
22 victims of theft, by having our land stolen through eminent
23 domain, but now we are also victims of robbery because we
24 are not being compensated for the loss of the value of our
25 land.

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See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values, mortgages, and insurance.

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1 We have become victims of theft and robbery by
2 our own government, shame, shame, shame. Thank you.

3 MR. STODDARD: Good evening and thanks for being
4 here, I'm glad you are here. My name is Steven Stoddard,
5 S-t-o-d-d-a-r-d. I am a Teamster. I live ten miles down
6 the road where I own property. I would be glad to have a
7 pipeline come through it because I put pipes in the ground,
8 I know how safe it is. I am a 40 hour hazardous waste
9 operations, certified 8 hour hazmat refresher course, OSHA
10 construction, 8 hour forklift safety.

11 Each of my team, train the trainer, that means I
12 train people in hazardous waste and hazmat. That's my job,
13 part of it, also 8 hour transportation security, this is
14 just some of the training that I have to go through in order
15 to do my job, which right now, I have to travel sometimes
16 up to 1500 miles to go to work and when I do that, I am
17 incurring another \$3,000.00 a month in living expenses
18 because I have to leave a state where I am paying taxes,
19 property taxes, school taxes and income taxes because we
20 can't have our own work here.

21 I don't like eminent domain, but where would we
22 be -- we wouldn't be anywhere without it. We wouldn't have
23 a railroad, we'd have nothing. On one hand, eminent domain
24 steals property, on another hand bans against things,
25 telling people what they can and cannot do with their

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The commentator's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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	1 property are wrong, it is no different than eminent domain.
	2 You erect a ban telling me what I can't do, you
	3 might as well be stealing my property from me.
	4 The last thing I would like to say, I have worked
	5 out on a pipeline. I have worked on environmental crews, I
	6 have also worked with FERC inspectors on site, and I know
	7 how hard they work to keep us in line with what we are
	8 supposed to do. I know how difficult sometimes it is to do
	9 the work that we have to do to keep the environment as safe
	10 as possible.
	11 It's not perfect, nothing is. The gentlemen that
	12 are recording this meeting do not have my permission to use
	13 anything I have said or my images on the internet and that's
	14 final, thank you very much. I appreciate you being here.
	15 MS. MORIARTY: Eleanor E-l-e-a-n-o-r Moriarty
	16 M-o-r-i-a-r-t-y. I'm against this whole DEIS. I have made
PM3-89	17 that known before. I don't believe there is any such thing
	18 as mitigation, it's possible when it comes to our wetlands,
	19 it helps the land and forest. I want to be very specific
	20 about one area that the construction Constitution Pipeline
PM3-90	21 is planning to go through and it's called the Cannonsville
	22 Mill Stream area and it was Constitution's state that route
	23 changes were made to avoid recreational areas, as much as
	24 possible, and this area is not only recreational area for
	25 hikers and birders but it has been designated as an

PM3-89	The commentor's opposition and statements regarding mitigation are noted.
PM3-90	Our discussion of forest interior and forest fragmentation in section 4.5.3 of the EIS has been revised.

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1 important birding area.

2 In New York state the criteria for an important

3 birding areas sites 1 - for a specific species at risk. 2

4 -- sites identified with the most important habitats for

5 assemblages of bird species whose long-term conservation is

6 the responsibility of New York state.

7 The Constitution Pipeline would be crossing three

8 areas impacting 46 acres, 28.1 of those acres is upland

9 forest and operation of that pipeline would impact 22 acres,

10 13.1 of upland forest. The fragmentation of forest is well

11 document, a forest habitat will impact negatively upon the

12 neo-tropical migrants, the wood interior species, increasing

13 the risk of predatation.

14 The population benefits from fragmenting forests

15 are small and in particular we should always hear about the

16 golden winged warriors. They have received numerous grants

17 and funding from the federal government to work hand-in-hand

18 with the farmers, to reconstruct the habitat that they breed

19 in, if indeed they can breed.

20 The area of Cannonsville Mill Stream is further

21 than breeding a nesting area for the bald eagle, the bird

22 that was brought back from near extinction many years ago.

23 The Delaware Upstate Audubon Society which covers

24 that area of Cannonsville Mill Stream has since 2009, been

25 collecting data on the spring migration of the golden eagle

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1 and has found that this corridor is a major, migratory route
2 for the goldens and they have recently, through research
3 project, have begun to collect data, that the possibility
4 those goldens are over-wintering in that area.

PM3-91

5 The DEIS has noted that the bald eagles are there
6 but there has been no mention of the golden or other risk
7 species. DEIS further mentioned at four different points,
8 perhaps more, the need for Constitution to develop an upland
9 forest mitigation plan which to date has not been developed.
10 I do know that Constitution had met with Audubon in New York
11 and they did work out some sort of deal.

12 Delaware Oswego Audubon did not approve that, we
13 sent it in writing to them and strongly opposed that that
14 area in any form or shape gets disturbed. Audubon of New
15 York at that point did not have any data or information
16 about the golden eagles. I think that's something worth
17 looking into, thank you.

18 MS. LOEFFLER: Barbara Loeffler B-a-r-b-a-r-a
19 L-o-e-f-f-l-e-r. I have several things I would like to

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20 comment on. Number one, are rescue units, it has not been
21 addressed in that document that you have where also part of
22 the environment, the human being, and the rescue units that
23 we have now are pretty pressed to the max. If there is
24 industrial accidents, they don't have any plans in there, to
25 their union people who all just went home, because they have

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See the response to comment FA4-29 regarding the upland forest plan.

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See the response to comment LA1-6 regarding emergency responders.

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1 to go home and get up for work tomorrow, even though they
2 have no jobs.

3 We recently had a fire down in Stanford and every
4 fire department was called away so who is going to be
5 manning the ambulances and everything else to take care of
6 this, this is not mentioned at all in the environmental
7 impact statement.

8 Second of all, we have already had, because of
9 the stress of dealing with Constitution pipeline, my
10 neighbor passed away last year, 55 years old. I am sure the
11 stress of dealing with the land man coming in and wanting to
12 come through his field where we just raises beef cattle as a
13 sideline.

14 My other neighbor, who cannot be here tonight,
15 she is very upset. They are coming through a major field of
16 her place, her blood pressure went so high, she had to go in
17 the hospital and have a stent. So people are having these
18 physical things going wrong, my own self, my blood pressure
19 is so high I have to take extra medicine just to come here.
20 I'm sure those guys would be very happy if I had to get
21 carted out of here in an ambulance.

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22 The other thing I have to say is also I got a
23 communication from them, from Constitution Pipeline, their
24 little newsletter they sent out, and they did address the
25 man camp issue, but they didn't address the problem of it,

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The commentor's statements regarding minimum wage jobs are noted.

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	1 they said it was going to make more jobs and hotels and food
	2 industry, which is true, but we don't need more minimum wage
	3 jobs, we need real jobs.
PM3-94	4 Today, in Oneonta, we got to have a rare example
	5 of what it will be like to have a man camp. Friends of mine
	6 were having dinner and had to leave because a group of these
	7 men came in and they were loud and obnoxious and they
	8 couldn't even have a conversation with each other, so they
	9 had to leave. I don't think that's right and we have a big
	10 eye-opening experience with that today.
	11 I'm not mentioning what restaurant it was and
	12 that's all I have to say, thank you.
	13 MR. BEVILACQUA: Epifanio Bevilacqua
	14 E-p-i-f-a-n-i-o Bevilacqua B-e-v-i-l-a-c-q-u-a. I'm an
PM3-95	15 intervener for FERC. It's a shame to see what's happened to
	16 my near communities and neighbors. Some people don't even
	17 know what's coming. They don't even know what's fracking,
	18 they don't -- I even have cousins in Pennsylvania that
	19 didn't know what fracking was until I told them a year ago.
PM3-96	20 People are not even aware of what's going on and
	21 there's a lot of radon. And like Sandra Signgraver said,
	22 any time you move anything and you disrupt anything,
	23 eventually it goes up into the air and when it rains from
	24 the cloud, it comes back down again and uranium will come
	25 back down so you are going to get it, or your food, so I

PM3-94 The commentor’s statements regarding man camps are noted.

PM3-95 See the response to comment FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

PM3-96 See the response to comment LA5-6 regarding radon.

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1 don't know where we are going to get our food from.
2 I'm worried about my grandson that's only two
3 months now. What kind of environment is he going to be able
4 to live in. So we have to look for the next generation, and
5 the next six generations down. What are we going to give to
6 the next generation? That's what I'm worried about.
7 I have seen people in Deposit at forums with the
8 Constitution, all right, I won't be here, but what about
9 your family that you are going to leave behind? What are
10 you going to leave them? Is that a future with your
11 radiation? No food? And I saw something else on the
12 internet that the bees are dying out and you need them to
13 pollinate your food, you can't buy any food if food isn't
14 going to grow.
15 So where are we going to get our food from? Are
16 we going to start eating each other, cannibals? You could
17 see how it gets here, just over a Constitution pipeline,
18 imagine if they can't eat?
19 (LAUGHTER)
20 It's going to get crazy. These are true fact, I
21 don't understand. I talked to them, what planet do you live
22 in that we don't? That was my first speech in Afton. You
23 know they wanted to know I have a job, I work, - I drove 180
24 miles each way, each weekend. I left the family up here but
25 themselves, it wasn't easy for the wife to take care of the

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1 animals, two beef cows and sheep and birds and chickens,
2 it's not easy, now I want to retire, I want to enjoy the
3 place, all right, here's a pipeline coming in here, we want
4 to frack.

5 I want to be left alone, I want my own freedom.
6 I don't want to be here wasting my time, I would rather be
7 home, relaxing, watching tv. I put in my time, I don't want
8 to be here, but to defend my family to come, and generations
9 and my kids living in Sidney, come on, I have two of them
10 that live in Sidney, my grandson lives in Sidney, so I hope
11 she moves out of there soon. Even Binghamton is no better.
12 We have all the 98 rolls up above, and he's done a great job
13 on you-tube showing it all, a great tree divided, showed it
14 too, it's running down, right down the Allegheny River,
15 right into the Gulf of Mexico, so okay they are just dumping
16 oil right in the Gulf of Mexico, let's get all the wells to
17 run in there too, let's pollute the Gulf and then we'll feed
18 fish and everything else.

19 And then we wonder where is cancer coming from,
20 let's do the research to where the cancer is coming from.
21 Very important, everybody says yes, we have cancer, we are
22 going to deal with it, let's see where it's coming from and
23 Carol French in Pennsylvania, she's got rashes, the cows got
24 rashes, this doesn't take a rocket scientist, it's there,
25 the evidence.

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PM3-97	1 If she's got it, the cows got it, where did it
	2 come from? Where else? They are drinking the same water,
	3 they are bathing in it and they say whatever you bathe in,
	4 it doesn't matter, you buy drinking water. My aunt she's 80
	5 years old she said I'll buy drinking water. Are you going
	6 to clean your clothes and bathe yourself with drinking water
	7 from a bottle?
	8 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.
	9 MR. BEVILACQUA: Thank you and I hope you dismiss
	10 this because we need renewables.
	11 MS. BEVILACQUA: Good evening, Linda Bevilacqua
	12 B-e-v-i-l-a-c-q-u-a. I hadn't written anything before I
	13 came tonight, but I was sitting here, very courteously
	14 listening to everyone speaking and I'm listening to all of
	15 the heckling and the booing that is going on, that I
	16 couldn't even hear people talking and I was getting so riled
	17 up that I just started writing so here it goes.
PM3-98	18 If these people are all, all these union people
	19 are being bussed in from other areas. How many local jobs
	20 are there, a handful? The Constitution promised you, did
	21 they promise you union wages? Have you checked into it? We
	22 have seen a video where a construction site person was
PM3-99	23 video-taped and they are not paying union wages. How many
	24 of these people researched what the pipeline needs to push
	25 it along, compressor stations, full of toxic emissions.

- PM3-97

The commentor’s opposition to the proposed projects is noted. Section 3.1.2.3 of the EIS provides a discussion of renewable energy.
- PM3-98

See the response to comment IND205-1 regarding jobs.
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See the response to comment FA4-2 regarding the need for additional compressor stations.

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1 I'm really not into science, I'm just speaking
2 from my heart. Of course we would all like to heat our
3 homes more cheaply. Last year we went to a presentation
4 from Leatherstocking that was, I think in Marydale and May
5 German was there who spoke last night and he said that, and
6 he was laughing about it, but it was the truth, he said that
7 people think that you know, they are going to be able to tap
8 into this gas and get it for their homes.

9 If you don't have cell phone service, you're not
10 getting gas. I mean it costs us a fortune, I heat with
11 oil, we chop trees, we have two wood stoves going on, it's a
12 pain in the neck, it's a full-time job, it's physically very
13 demanding but what other choice do we have.

14 The story about Anfinal, I mean that's bribery, I
15 mean this gas is not for us, they are saying it, you know,
16 these Leatherstocking people just coming in at the end, oh
17 we will be able to tap into this and that, that hasn't been
18 from the beginning, it's been that it is going to go
19 straight to the other markets.

20 As I said yesterday, and I wish the union members
21 were here but they have all conveniently left. They all
22 managed to get in first, well okay I understand that but as
23 I said yesterday, my husband is a union member. Our bread
24 and butter comes from his union, he was a member for 26
25 years, he has all of his OSHA, he had to go to school for

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See the response to comment FA4-46 regarding the
Leatherstocking Project.

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	1 everything. He worked in Hyde, places in Manhattan, I know	
	2 what it is like to be without a husband and a father, I	
	3 raised my kids by myself.	
	4 I didn't come here to do that. Four kids I	
	5 raised by myself and I ran a farm and I did this frickin'	
	6 wood stove, it was a lot of work, but would I do it again?	
	7 No.	
PM3-101	8 (crying) People say it's just a pipeline, they're wrong.	
	9 Pipelines equal compressor stations and believe me that will	
	10 open everything up to fracking and that's a whole other	
	11 story.	
	12 To all the union members heckling about the	
	13 safety of the pipelines, have you researched anything, like	
	14 they said six explosions in 18 months, have you done any	
	15 research? Where are you living? Do you read the news? Do	
	16 you stay on top of things? Have you researched	
	17 deceitfulness and the secrecy of Williams?	
PM3-102	18 How would any of you union members like it, or	
	19 landowners, like it if you worked your whole life to get	
	20 something, to get a home, to put all of your hard-earned	
	21 money --	
	22 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.	
	23 MS. BEVILACQUA: And the pipeline comes along and	
	24 says that's it, they destroyed everything, what recourse do	
	25 you have? I'm hoping that tomorrow's meeting will be a	

PM3-101 See the response to comment FA4-2 regarding the need for additional compressor stations. See the response to comment FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

PM3-102 See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain. The commentor's statements regarding the comment meetings are noted.

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1 little bit more civil and that these people will stop with
2 these barbarian ways, it's really very wrong, this is a
3 government meeting, it's not right, thank you.

4 MR. MOONEYHAN: Robert Kerley.

5 MR. KERLEY: Robert Kerley K-e-r-l-e-y. I'm
6 president of Schoharie County, New York and I wanted to add
7 to comments I made last night. I have been talking quite a
8 bit about what really seems to be happening here with this
9 pipeline that is probably going to be one corridor, one
10 segment, I believe of, yes some type of a pipeline grid
11 that would go from you know, kind of a grand eastern,
12 northeastern pipeline grid that would extend from West
13 Virginia up into the maritime provinces. I think probably
14 this is the segment that is absolutely going to be part of
15 some type of future, probably, I called it in my notes here,
16 globalized level of corporate profitization cycle, where we
17 keep moving gas into LNG, then off-shoring it.

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18 I think probably a lot of the gas will
19 ultimately, you know, after 2025 or so, end up in Western
20 Europe and in places that are largely reliant on gas from
21 Russia right now, entities like that. A lot of it would go
22 to east Asia, to China, to Japan.

23 You know, and a few speakers talked about that
24 tonight but I think that's the real issue here and this is
25 really getting into almost G8 level major western power

PM3-103 See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export and need.

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PM3-103 cont'd	<p>1 politics here and it's probably this issue is really</p> <p>2 something way above the energy department, FERC or even one</p> <p>3 branch of government probably. These are big, big issues</p> <p>4 and I'm glad that a few people spoke about it.</p> <p>5 Anyway I left off last night saying that the</p> <p>6 pipeline is unnecessary and inconvenient and I guess I</p> <p>7 really feel that way. This is probably just going to be</p> <p>8 another part of some type of a real corporatization system</p> <p>9 at a global level that really goes against the American</p> <p>10 people ultimately. Labor unions, workers, people like that</p> <p>11 and going to continue ultimately, in terms of long-term</p> <p>12 gradation probably to suffer probably, down and down, so I</p> <p>13 hope people kind of understand what I am talking about.</p>
PM3-104	<p>14 I think for this evening there was definitely a</p> <p>15 tone of bullying in the room. I think there was a tone of</p> <p>16 loss of order and I realize that a meeting like this or a</p> <p>17 hearing can either go, the majority per se at any one time</p> <p>18 can either be pro or anti-pro or anti-pipeline, depending on</p> <p>19 the meeting, but this was a real low energy level tonight</p> <p>20 and it was a real shame to see it.</p> <p>21 And to make a comment, just about, somebody had</p> <p>22 said that this pipeline project was potentially hurting or</p> <p>23 killing people through stress. I tend to believe it. I</p> <p>24 tend to believe that probably the people whose, where the</p> <p>25 pipeline would ultimately be going 100 feet from the house,</p>

PM3-104 See the commentor's statements regarding the comment meetings are noted.

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1 right near the residence, the stress-level is probably so
2 high that probably, yeah, ultimately this pipeline is
3 probably medically hurting people, the stress from it. I'll
4 end my comments there, thank you.

5 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you to everyone who signed up
6 to speak tonight and with that the formal part of tonight's
7 meeting will close. I thank everyone who has come here and
8 stayed here for the length of the meeting tonight. So if
9 you would like additional information about any of these
10 projects, I encourage you to use our website, FERC.gov and
11 use the e-library link to input the docket numbers of these
12 projects, CP13-499 and CP13-502.

13 If you would like a copy of the transcript of
14 this meeting you can make this arrangement with the court
15 reporter, so on behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory
16 Commission, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, thank you for
17 coming here tonight and let the record show that the meeting
18 closed at 10:15 p.m.

19 (Whereupon at 10:15 p.m., the scoping meeting
20 adjourned.

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7 CONSTITUTION PIPELINE COMPANY PROJECT : CP13-502-000

8 AND WRIGHT INTERCONNECT PROJECT :

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11 Blue Ridge High School

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13 New Milford, PA 18834

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17 Thursday, April 3, 2014

18 The public scoping meeting, pursuant to notice,

19 convened at 7:00 p.m., Kevin Bowman chair of the scoping

20 meeting.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. BOWMAN: Okay, good evening, on behalf of
3 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC, I want to
4 welcome all of you here tonight for the fourth and final
5 comment meeting on the of draft environmental impact
6 statement for Constitution Pipeline & Wright Interconnect
7 Project. Let the record show that the meeting began at
8 7:10 p.m. on April 3rd in New Milford, Pennsylvania.

9 My name is Kevin Bowman and I am the
10 Environmental Project Manager with the Office of Energy
11 Projects, which is a division within FERC. Also with me
12 tonight, on my left is Doug Mooneyhan, to his left Amy
13 Gitchell of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and also outside
14 at the table tonight was Charles Brown, Lavinia DiSanto, Jen
15 Ward and Kim Sechrist.

16 The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, the U.S.
17 Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Ohio
18 Administration, and the New York State Department of
19 Agriculture and Markets are participating as cooperating
20 agencies in the preparation of this draft environmental
21 impact statement.

22 I want to thank those cooperating agencies for
23 their continued assistance with their review of these
24 projects. I will briefly turn things over to Amy Gitchell
25 with the Corp of Engineers who will give you a brief

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1 overview of their process, and how it relates to these
2 projects.

3 MS. GITCHELL: Thank you Kevin. Good evening,
4 my name is Amy Gitchell, I am the Chief of the upstate New
5 York section of the regulatory branch for the New York
6 District U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. I will be
7 participating in tonight's meeting on behalf of the Corp of
8 Engineers.

9 The Corp of Engineers is here today to obtain
10 information and evidence and to insure coverage of both the
11 public's and the board's concerns, to assist in the
12 regulatory review of the permit application submitted by
13 Constitution Pipeline Company for the construction of the
14 pipeline that will be described by Mr. Bauman.

15 If constructed, the pipeline would require
16 crossing the wetlands and streams that are considered waters
17 of the United States and regulated under section 404 of the
18 Clean Water Act in both Pennsylvania and New York.

19 The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as the
20 lead federal agency will make a decision whether to issue a
21 certificate of public convenience and necessity to allow the
22 construction of this project. The Corp of Engineers is
23 neither a proponent for nor an opponent of the proposed
24 work.

25 Our role is to determine whether the proposed

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1 activity, in this case, the construction of the 124 mile
2 pipeline that would require numerous crossings of waters of
3 the United States is in the overall public interest. This
4 hearing will play an important part in that determination.

5 Please understand that we do not expect to answer
6 questions from the audience in this hearing related to the
7 proposal as we are here to obtain information and your
8 comments. Questions of the regulatory process in general
9 can be directed to my staff or my office on another day.

10 The New York district has issued a public notice
11 for this project with the comment period closing on April
12 7th. The entire public notice, including all of the
13 attachments, is currently posted on the New York district
14 website. The website address is www.man.usace.army.mil.

15 We do have some copies of the public notice
16 without the attachments on the registration table outside.
17 If you are not currently on our public notice e-mail
18 distribution list, and would like to receive an e-mail
19 announcement for future public notices from my office,
20 please provide your e-mail address to one of the staff
21 members at the registration table today.

22 I look forward to hearing your comments this
23 evening, thank you.

24 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you Amy. You will note that
25 we have a court reporter arranged to transcribe this meeting

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1 so that we will have an accurate record of tonight's
2 proceedings. If you would like to receive a copy of that
3 transcript, you can make arrangements to do so with the
4 court reporter following this meeting.

5 So in June 2013, Constitution Pipeline and
6 Iroquois Gas Transmission filed applications under Section 7
7 of the Natural Gas Act. These projects would consist of the
8 installation of 30 inch diameter, natural gas pipeline
9 between Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania and Schoharie, New
10 York.

11 The primary purpose of this meeting is to give
12 you an opportunity to give us your comments on the scope of
13 these projects, and the draft environmental impact statement
14 that was prepared for this. It will help us the most if
15 your comments are as specific as possible regarding the
16 proposed projects and the draft EIS.

17 I would like to again clarify this is a project
18 being proposed by Constitution and Iroquois and it is not
19 being proposed by the FERC. Rather FERC is the lead federal
20 agency responsible for evaluating applications to construct
21 and operate natural gas pipeline facilities and therefore,
22 FERC is not an advocate for these projects.

23 Instead, as I mentioned throughout this project,
24 FERC is an advocate for the environmental relief process.
25 So during our review of these projects, we have assembled

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1 information from the public, local, state and federal
2 agencies, Constitution and Iroquois, and our own independent
3 analysis and field work.

4 We analyze this information and prepare the draft
5 EIS that was distributed to the public for comment. A
6 notice of availability for this draft EIS was issued for the
7 project on February 12, 2014. So we nearing the end of the
8 forty-five day comment period for the draft EIS. This
9 comment period will end on Monday, April 7, 2014.

10 All comments written, all the comments received,
11 either written or spoken, will be addressed in our final
12 EIS. I encourage you, if you plan to submit comments and
13 have not, please do so here today, either verbally during
14 the comment period of tonight's meeting, or bring the form
15 in, one of the forms outside by the door.

16 In addition, you can also submit comments
17 electronically online using the directions in the notice of
18 availability of the draft EIS. Again your comments will be
19 considered with equal weight, regardless of the form they
20 are given to us.

21 If you received a copy of the draft EIS, in
22 either paper or CD form, you will receive a copy of the
23 final EIS. If you did not receive a copy of either of
24 those, either CD or paper, please leave your name outside so
25 we can get you a copy of the final. I would like to

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1 iterate that neither the draft or the final EIS are
2 decision-making documents. In other words, once they are
3 issued, they do not determine whether the project would be
4 approved or denied. I want to differentiate between two
5 different groups of FERC staff, that would be the FERC
6 environmental staff and the FERC Commissioners.

7 All the FERC staff here tonight are the
8 environmental review staff. We are responsible for
9 overseeing the preparation of the EIS. So we don't
10 determine whether the project would be approved or denied.
11 Instead, the FERC Commissioners do that and they consist of
12 five Presidentially appointed individuals who are
13 responsible for making the determination.

14 So in their decision-making process they consider
15 a lot of information and that includes the information --
16 the environmental information that is included in the draft
17 EIS, the final EIS, and other non-environmental information
18 that includes, information from the public comments as well
19 as things such as engineering, markets and race which all
20 play into their final decision on whether or not to approve
21 the applicant's requests. So there are no review of FERC
22 decisions by the President or Congress, thus maintaining
23 FERC's role as an independent regulatory agency.

24 If the Commission votes to approve the project, a
25 certificate of public convenience and necessity will be

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1 issued for the Constitution and Iroquois would be required
2 to answer the conditions outlined in that certificate.

3 Additionally, FERC environmental staff would
4 monitor the projects through the construction and
5 restoration, performing daily on-site inspections to
6 document environmental compliance in accordance with
7 Constitution and Iroquois proposed plan for mitigation and
8 any additional conditions in the FERC certificate.

9 So those of you who have been here all three
10 weeks, I'm sure you are tired of listening to me say all of
11 that. So we will move into the formal part of the comment
12 meeting where we will hear all of your comments on the
13 project and the draft EIS. If you don't get a chance to
14 speak tonight, or if you would rather not speak, again, we
15 still have those paper comment forms outside.

16 So as I said before this meeting is being
17 recorded by a court transcription service, so when you come
18 up to the podium here on my right, please state your name,
19 again even if we already say it before we call you up and
20 spell your name so that it gets accurately recorded in the
21 transcript of tonight's meeting.

22 My number one rule for tonight's meeting is
23 please treat everyone here with your absolute uttermost
24 respect. I am going to ask that while you are up here
25 speaking, please don't say anything while they are speaking,

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1 don't interrupt them so their comments could get accurately
2 written into the record. No hooting, calling or anything.
3 If you have anything, please just maybe clap after they are
4 done, that's it. No booing.

5 So we have probably about forty or so speakers
6 signed up tonight, so I am going to ask you guys to limit
7 your comments to four minutes so that we can get to
8 everyone. We are going to call speakers tonight in the
9 order of, if you haven't spoken at the FERC comment meeting,
10 we will get to the people who haven't commented earlier at
11 the FERC meeting.

12 So we will give you a 20 second warning right
13 before your four minutes is up and I ask that you take your
14 seat when that time has expired. So Doug will go through
15 and be calling our speakers tonight.

16 MR. MOONEYHAN: Mike Snow and if we could get
17 Kevin Hensley on deck.

18 MR. SNOW: Good evening, my name is Michael Snow,
19 M-i-c-h-a-e-l S-n-o-w, local union steward from Binghamton,
20 New York.

21 MR. BOWMAN: Please speak into the microphone
22 sir.

23 MR. SNOW: Did you catch that?

24 MR. BOWMAN: Yes.

25 MR. SNOW: From biologist to state engineering,

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1 to extensive environment studies, we have proven over and
2 over again that this industry's standards of work habit,
3 safety and environmental protection, but most of all the
4 concern for human longevity.

5 As far as the ignorance of the oppositions role,
6 you have helped this industry become the safest, most
7 professional, most environmentally safe construction field
8 of ethics in the world.

9 Open your wallets and be ready for the next round
10 of tax increases. The opposition has cost these communities
11 millions in lost wages and jobs. We have been living in a
12 state of oppression, depression and suppression. We will
13 continue to live in a state of unproductive, unemployed,
14 desperate living conditions. We can no longer afford to
15 wait for unjustified delays.

16 You will not stop this industry's future
17 production, it will proceed. You are only costing
18 yourselves, your communities, your local services from a
19 better standard of living. Our local unionized work force
20 is the most certified qualified trained industry in the
21 United States.

22 The last major pipeline to run across the
23 Pennsylvania border into New York ran nearly 700,000 man
24 hours with only one small reportable incident, proving
25 unionized companies work. No other work force has the

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PM4-1	1 safest history of work standards. It is time to end this
	2 unnecessary scrutiny and move forward.
	3 I am begging FERC and the state Commission
PM4-1	4 service and our state representatives, to release the
	5 permits necessary to put us back to work. Thank you.
	6 MR. HEATLEY: It's Kevin Heatley, H-e-a-t-l-e-y
PM4-1	7 and I am going to address the audience, the good-looking
	8 bunch of people here tonight. I am a professional
	9 restoration ecologist. I make my living running around the
PM4-2	10 United States, repairing damaged eco-systems, so I have
	11 specialized expertise in both ecology and in basic species.
	12 Okay, now I did a professional review of the FERC
PM4-2	13 EIS. I also reviewed the resource documents that were
	14 submitted by Constitution Pipeline LLC and they're grossly
	15 inadequate with respect to the ecology and the ecological
PM4-2	16 impacts and I'm going to give you a couple of examples.
	17 I have prepared documents that are going to be
	18 forwarded to FERC but I wanted to give the audience, in
PM4-2	19 particular, an understanding, because this isn't some warm
	20 and fuzzy tree-hugging nonsense. I'm not an
	21 environmentalist, I'm talking about a resource that is an
PM4-2	22 economy driver that is sustainable for generations, okay.
	23 This drives jobs and communities for generations.
	24 I'm not about the birds and the bees and some
PM4-2	25 warm and fuzzy nonsense. But what the FERC document does,

PM4-1 The commentor's statements in support of the proposed projects are noted.

PM4-2 The commentor's statements regarding the draft EIS are noted.

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1 is it ignores major ecological impacts. I'm going to give
2 you a quick explanation of some of these things. Number
3 one, they talk about interior forest. Interior forest, by
4 definition is forest that is at least 300 feet away from
5 non-forest. It is not near the edge. Anybody that is a
6 hunter knows this. They know the edge habitat is different
7 from the interior forest.

8 Okay FERC recognizes this in the document. They
9 talk about the definition of interior forest as being 300
10 foot. Why is that? Because there is edge impacts, there is
11 moisture changes and there is light changes on the forest
12 floor that changes everything. So if you are a landowner,
13 and your forest is buggered up by a right-of-way, you are
14 going to bear the cost of that change in your forest
15 composition, that's cost. It's cost to the landowner that
16 is adjacent to these things, 300 foot either side. Okay.

17 FERC recognizes edge impacts because they
18 recognize interior forest, but when they are talking about
19 the impact to the forest, what do they do? They only talk
20 about the clearing zone. Now you can't have it both ways.
21 Either you recognize the 300 foot edge or you don't. And
22 they do, because they recognize interior forest. You can't
23 have this kind of logical inconsistency in the document and
24 not have people get annoyed,
25 because if I'm a landowner, and that pipeline goes through

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Our discussion of forest interior and forest fragmentation in section 4.5.3 of the EIS has been revised.

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1 my forest, or the edge of my forest, I have got 300 foot in.
2 What's the difference you say? All trees are the
3 same? Not. Invasive species. Edge habitat is a biological
4 driver to invasion and what's invasion? You know, we can
5 talk about anything from Japanese stilt grass to multi-flora
6 rose.

7 What does FERC do? They say okay, you know
8 Constitution in their documents they say we are going to
9 monitor invasives for three years, only on the pipeline
10 right-of-way, not into the adjacent 300 foot. So not only
11 do they underestimate the impact zone, they give the acreage
12 as just a clearing and not the additional 300 foot. It's
13 over a magnitude larger than what they are telling you, but
14 they only say three years worth of monitoring and treatment
15 for invasives, only on the right-of-way, okay?

16 As long as there's edge. Until those trees grow
17 back, there will be biological invasion. Constitution, or
18 whoever owns this right-of-way should be mandated to take
19 care of those invasions, biological invasions for the life
20 of the right-of-way. That's only fair. Why should I as the
21 landowner have to pay to treat stilt grass in my forest
22 because these guys went and put a right-of-way through there
23 and didn't take into account what they even recognize as
24 edge impacts.

25 And there's other problems in here, I mean they

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See the response to comment FA6-10 regarding long-term monitoring for invasive species.

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1 are talking about hydrostatic water. Okay you are

2 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.

3 MR. HEATLEY: going to take, two second or two
4 minutes?

5 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.

6 MR. HEATLEY: 20 seconds, okay I'm done then, if
7 anybody has any questions, feel free to come up and ask me
8 after this, thank you very much.

9 MS. LEE: My name is Wendy Lynn Lee, I am a
10 professor at Bloomburg University of Pennsylvania. I teach
11 philosophy of ecology. I want to reiterate just a little
12 bit of what Kevin Heatley said and make sure that you
13 understand what some of these ecological impacts really are
14 and what I want to speak particularly as a union member
15 tonight to union members in the room, because my message to
16 you is that your jobs, your jobs are being purchased as a
17 theft from both the ecology and the community of the future,
18 because your jobs are going to depend on what is real
19 environmental destruction and an industry that is lying to
20 you.

PM4-5

21 There are just a few points about the ecological
22 devastation, particularly with respect to forest
23 destruction. FERC grossly underestimates the area of forest
24 impact as it restricts impact to the area where trees are
25 actually removed. In actuality the end effects, the zone

PM4-5

Our discussion of forest interior and forest fragmentation in section 4.5.3 of the EIS has been revised.

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1 where the forest changes due to additional light penetration
2 and moisture. Loss extends at least 300 feet into the
3 forest and into the area, from the area of disturbance.
4 This is standard in conservation biology. This isn't
5 guessing, this isn't fuzzy, this is the science.
6 Instead of the 983 acres of upland forest that
7 FERC claims will be impacted, the area of forest impacted is
8 orders of magnitude larger. FERC must take its impact into
9 account for determining acres of the forest that are
10 impacted. FERC recognizes edge impacts as they use the
11 definition of interior forest as "forested areas greater
12 than 300 feet from the influence of forest edges, or open
13 habitat."
14 Here is the kicker of this. If they recognize
15 interior forests, they must recognize edge effects and thus
16 count them in the tabulation of the forest land that is
17 impacted and they don't. They cannot have this both ways.
18 They are in fact, lying to you.
19 FERC must provide the total acreage of interior
20 forest that will be lost if this pipeline is built. Right
21 now they either didn't provide the acres clear or they try a
22 smoke and mirrors approach by describing the number of
23 interior forest blocks before and after the pipeline rips
24 them apart.
25 The number of blocks, this is simply useless,

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1 pointless empty information. If they are not going to tell	
2 us what the total acreage of interior forest is, right, we	
3 won't even know what will be lost and that is just one more	
4 way in which this industry, in fact, deceives you.	
5 The pipeline right-of-way will create edge	
6 habitat that will encourage the invasive species, just as	
7 Heatley mentioned. Let's see, edge habitat due to moisture	
8 and light, along with the animals, the critters like this	
9 habitat, and they poop out invasive seeds. It's the perfect	
10 habitat for invasive species.	
PM4-6	11 The Constitution needs to monitor and treat
	12 invasive species along the row, along the right-of-way, for
	13 the entire lifespan, not just for a few years after
	14 construction, and what we know is that they won't do this.
	15 FERC is recommending that Constitution develop an
	16 upland forest mitigation plan.
	17 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds folks.
	18 MS. LEE: All right, so I am going to pause
	19 there, but what I want to say is that what we know since
	20 2006-2007 is that this is an industry, the natural gas
	21 industry, the mid-stream industry that consistently deceives
	22 us, consistently destroys our land, consistently violates
	23 our property rights
	24 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please.
PM4-7	25 MS. LEE: And this pipeline should not be built.

PM4-6 See the response to comment FA6-10 regarding long-term monitoring for invasive species.

PM4-7 The commentor's opposition to the proposed projects is noted.

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1 MR. LAIDACKER: Yeah, my name is Dave Laidacker.
2 I'm from Danville, Pennsylvania. I'm glad to see the union
3 guys here, two of my best friends are union pipefitters. I
4 know they are dedicated to their job, but there is other
5 issues they don't understand and they need to admit that
6 they don't understand the dangers of what is coming down the
7 road.

PM4-8

8 While FERC is pre-occupied by inking their rubber
9 stamps of approval, I would like to address my concerns
10 about the unconstitutional pipeline directly to the citizens
11 in attendance. I hope you are not here tonight with great
12 expectations that they are concerned about your interest.
13 They are only concerned about making money for the oil, gas
14 companies and have no concern how this pipeline affects the
15 taxpayers of Pennsylvania.

16 This is nothing new. Whether it is Monsanto,
17 General Motors, or the Wall Street banking system, the
18 corporations infiltrated the original intent of our
19 government and left us with very little recourse to defend
20 ourselves. There are issues very seldom brought up too late
21 in these types of meetings and that's civil rights and
22 community rights.

23 The regulatory system by its definition regulates
24 harm. It assumes harm will take place and all that we are
25 left doing is trying to get harmed a little less. The

PM4-8 See the response to comment IND44-2.

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1 government officials, for the past decades have dramatically
2 increased the removal of any local control by the citizens,
3 relating to issues of water, air, related health effects and
4 diminished property values caused by energy generation.

5 The only control that your local township has
6 today is to say unwanted industries in a designated area
7 created by zoning laws. Unfortunately, if you live in the
8 zoned area, you are screwed. And Pennsylvania, as most of
9 us know, there was a failed attempt by your elected
10 officials, or your elected corporate officials, to remove
11 environmental zoning regulations just for the gas companies.

12 How do they get the privilege above the citizens
13 of Pennsylvania? Fortunately for Pennsylvania, a portion of
14 this bill, which is Act 13 were found unconstitutional, just
15 like the Constitutional Pipeline should be unconstitutional.

16 Tonight we are negotiating away our absolute
17 right to clean air, potable water and the right to take back
18 our right of self-governing. Tonight, our constitutional
19 rights and privileges under the Constitution is unlawfully
20 being negotiated by our law-makers and regulators.

21 They are here to speak on behalf of corporate
22 America, not the citizens they should be representing. The
23 experts are willing to trade off industry concessions by
24 implying they are managing or reducing the harm corporations
25 inflict on our communities. Left out of the discussions and

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1 deal-cutting are the people or communities who will be, who
2 will have to endure the legalized poisoning while the state
3 government pre-empts them from protecting themselves.

4 All this is done to guarantee the privileges
5 bestowed on the corporations by the government that
6 superficially represents the residents of Pennsylvania. The
7 citizens of Pennsylvania need to take action and criminalize
8 our politicians and corporate America for environmental and
9 human health degradation, caused by extreme gas production.

10 Corporate America, and its political lap dogs,
11 legalize it by issuing permits. The question of law
12 presented by this confrontation between the people, their
13 municipalities and the state government is this. Are state
14 regulatory laws superior to fundamental rights for the people?
15 Why can the state adopt laws that deny and violate those
16 rights of citizens?

17 It's important that we

18 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 second sir.

19 MR. LAIDACKER: It's important that we not accept
20 a default premises advanced by extractive industries, that
21 the privileges of the state charter corporations are
22 superior to the inalienable rights of the people and that the
23 state has the authority to license corporations to violate
24 those rights, we need to defend our communities and the
25 natural environment by not allowing these assumptions to go

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	1 unchallenged. Let's not
	2 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please conclude.
PM4-9	3 MR. LAIDACKER: Let's not accept the premise
	4 that we the people have no authority to outlaw industrial
	5 practices, which poisons, diseases and environmental harm,
	6 they are treating our communities like resource colonies and
	7 sacrifices, thank you.
	8 MR. MOONEYHAN: Bambi Hanson.
	9 MS. HANSON: It's Bami B as in boy -- a- m as in
	10 Mary, b as in boy- i Hanson H-a-n-s-o-n. Did you get the
	11 spelling? This is a local newspaper of Schoharie County in
	12 New York dated February 19, 2014. The first of the four
	13 public FERC meetings was held there on Monday night. I was
	14 born and raised in Schoharie County, sorry. Did you get
	15 that.
	16 Okay, the newspaper I held up was from Schoharie
	17 County, New York. It was dated February 19th. The first of
	18 the four public meetings this week was held there on Monday
	19 night. I was born and raised in Schoharie County and I'm
	20 not a proud resident of Pennsylvania.
	21 The front page article says, FERC has ruled that
	22 Constitution Pipeline's proposed projects near parts of
	23 Schoharie County would have a "less than significant
	24 environmental impact if, the key word if, promise mitigation
PM4-10	25 steps are followed." We want to know what "less than

PM4-9 The commentor's statements are noted.

PM4-10 See the response to comment IND343-15.

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PM4-10 cont'd	1 significant" means. What are the promised mitigation steps?
PM4-11	2 Who will enforce that these steps are followed?
	3 FERC found this pipeline project would have some adverse
	4 environmental impacts, but these impacts would be reduced to
	5 again, less than significant levels. Again, we demand to
	6 know what does "less than significant" means.
PM4-12	7 The process of extracting natural gas by fracking
	8 is dirty and dangerous. Transporting it through pipelines
	9 with the use of giant compressors is just as
	10 life-threatening and dirty. You can already see the
	11 negative environmental impacts in many Pennsylvania
	12 counties.
	13 I have been a nurse for more than thirty years.
	14 As a health-care provider, I am proud to belong to Nurses
	15 Against Fracking. I will be able to tell my grandchildren
	16 and their children that I stood up and spoke in defense of
	17 their beautiful land, clean water and fresh air. I spoke up
	18 to protect their quality of life which they are not able to
	19 speak about at this time.
	20 No amount of money can buy any of the resources
PM4-13	21 that I am here to protect. These pipelines are being built
	22 to transport natural gas to coastal U.S. facilities where it
	23 will be converted into liquid natural gas, put in giant
	24 tankers and transported across our oceans to China and India
	25 and Japan.

PM4-11 See the response to comment FA4-12 and CO42-33 regarding third-party compliance monitoring.

PM4-12 See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing. See the response to comments CO41-21 and IND13-4 regarding air quality associated with compressor stations.

PM4-13 See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export.

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PM4-14	1 The natural gas industry has promised these and
	2 other countries that they can supply natural gas for ten to
	3 twenty years. Geological surveys prove natural gas supplies
	4 will be exhausted before twenty years. This fracking and
	5 pipeline network is not about our national energy security,
	6 it is about the natural gas industry profits. We will be
	7 left with the mess to clean up.
PM4-15	8 You only need to remember history. When natural
	9 resources are at stake, there are no rules except maybe one
	10 - profits before people. FERC's DEIS is shallow, vague,
	11 disingenuous and misleading. No project should be
	12 considered with this so-called environmental impact
	13 statement. Thank you.
	14 MR. JENNINGS: Does that say Bret or Bart?
	15 MR. MOONEYHAN: I think it says Bart.
	16 MR. JENNINGS: I'm looking, it's about where I
	17 signed. It's Bret Jennings. B-r-e-t J-e-n-n, counselor
	18 Great Bend Borough, Penn Charter definition and counselor
	19 and chairman, Hallstead Great Bend Joint Sewer Authority.
	20 For the unions, it is nice seeing you out here, some of the
	21 best people who work on environmental mediation programs,
	22 the workers, the best ones, are the unions.
	23 Fortunately I asked the plumbers and pipefitters,
	24 Local 83, what happened when their guy got hired, they got
	25 hired to train the people that they were going to hire at a

PM4-14 See the response to comment LA9-4 regarding natural gas reserves.

PM4-15 The commentor's statements regarding the draft EIS and opposition to the proposed projects are noted.

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1 lesser wage. Scranton, one of the union bosses down there,
2 testified in Harrisburg, they are not going to get it, but
3 let me get back on to this.

4 Oil up-lake environmental statement -- I work as
5 an environmental consultant. I'm reading through the 900
6 some-odd pages, some of its fluff, some of it you can go to
7 other documents and find the same wording, just different
8 places here and there you go in and change it.

9 Of course I didn't find where they forgot to
10 change. One thing that addressed, most of this pipeline is
11 in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and there is severe

PM4-16 12 reductions that have to be met by 2017 and 2025. How much
13 total nitrogen from this and induced development from this
14 pipeline will be created? How many square miles, is it 10
15 acres of pipeline the road?

PM4-17 16 Pipe yards are they already building pipe yards,
17 stockpiling their pipes. That should be part of it. This
18 total nitrogen, total phosphorus, total suspended solids, if
19 the EPA comes in and does what they said in the 2009,
20 December 29th letter of regulating and cutting in half, or
21 to the limits of technology, our sewer plants -- Binghamton
22 is going to have to build a new sewer plant. I might have
23 to build a new sewer plant.

24 And I'm not talking, oh this is only a couple
25 acres right here, the road, the well, the entire development

PM4-16 As stated in section 4.1.5 of the EIS, Constitution would apply fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals at least 200 feet from waterbodies or karst features. Thus preventing these substances from impacting the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. See the response to comment CO26-11 regarding induced development.

PM4-17 See the response to comment IND54-1 regarding delivery of pipe.

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1 going to that pipeline. Upper Susquehanna Watershed, that
2 could be 20, 30, 40, 100 square miles. Are you going to be
3 200 square miles within 30 years of development of this, you
4 know, but that's the Upper Susquehanna and Simone Watershed
5 it's in lower Susquehanna.

6 Will they be required to purchase off-sets from
7 Penn Vest for their PA sanction or if New York DEC sets up a
8 similar program? I won't go in, the owners, and their
9 abilities to be actors. I have already done that to FERC,
10 spoke about it here and in Blue Ridge High School, that
11 doesn't need to be readdressed, but the total nitrogen.

PM4-18 12 Also, drainage, let's increase drainage for the
13 watershed from the induced development. Will it change out
14 flood maps again? I have had to approve the flood maps,
15 going back to FEMA.

16 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.

17 MR. JENNINGS: FEMA is increasing the rates. All
18 of it is inner-twined. Development and the clean-up for the
19 Chesapeake Bay and what is being forced upon us. If they
20 don't do it, our sewer plants, our MS floor permits for
21 storm water facilities will be impacted by EPA and they will
22 get a free pass.

23 MR. MOONEYHAN: Your time has expired, please
24 conclude. Tammy Manning.

25 MS. MANNING: Hi, Tammy Manning. T-a-m-m-y

PM4-18

See the response to comment CO26-11 regarding induced development. Changes to flood maps due to the proposed projects are not anticipated.

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	1 M-a-n-n-i-n-g. I don't have Bret's credentials. I
	2 graduated in this school and I live just over the mountain
	3 in Franklin Forks and I have seen the irresponsible gas
	4 drilling that we have seen in our area. We have water
	5 buffalo to show the responsibility.
PM4-19	6 We don't want to see more pipelines coming into
	7 our area. We don't want to see the pipelines that are here
	8 in our area. We don't want to see the gas drillers in our
	9 area anymore. We have had enough of the spills in the
	10 newspapers, the blow-outs, the explosions at the compressor
	11 stations, which we have a compressor station a mile and a
	12 half from our home.
PM4-20	13 I am sure that if more pipelines come in, we are
	14 going to have more gas drilling coming into the area. Those
	15 of you who are not surrounded by it, probably don't realize
	16 that the frack trucks go twenty-four hours a day, seven days
	17 a week, past your bedroom window, all night long, you cannot
	18 sleep and we have just -- we've had enough.
	19 Jobs -- if you are going to say that it is
	20 creating jobs, this is from this week's newspaper,
	21 Times-Tribune and it talks about the job data being as
	22 flimsy as the gas. New York, despite a moratorium on gas
	23 extraction had a greater job growth than Pennsylvania, the
	24 Marcellus.
	25 Front page, Times-Tribune, drilling is killing

PM4-19 The commentor's opposition to the proposed projects is noted. See the response to comment CO16-3 regarding spills.

PM4-20 See the response to comment CO26-11 regarding induced development.

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1 our water. We are living proof of that and I just want to
2 show you this. This is a map of our area, we are the little
3 star here in the middle. The red are all casing failures
4 near us in a straight line so you know, just some of the --
5 a few of the mistakes that they have made and we just don't
6 trust you anymore, thank you.

7 MR. MANNING: Hi, name is Matt Manning, it's
8 M-a-n-n-i-n-g and that was my wife Tammy, that was just up
9 here talking and we have been living this nightmare for the
10 past three years, along with some of the other folks in this
11 room. We bought a house in 2010, a year and a month later
12 our water, along with four or three other homes in our town
13 turns black and everybody that has problems down there is
14 just brushing them under the carpet, it don't matter, you
15 know, it's jobs, whatever.

16 People's water was bad, you have got so much
17 methane coming in your house, you can't use your kitchen
18 stove in the middle of winter to cook your dinners, you
19 can't use your furnace to heat your home. You have to take
20 one day of your week, every week, to go and get yourself
21 water that's clean enough to bathe in for your children and
22 your grandchildren to bathe in.

23 You have to pay to heat that water, not one local
24 official or town representative, or state official has come
25 to my house and see what's wrong or what's going on. Nobody

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1cares, you are brushed under the carpet. We have two

2different wells that were beside us and one was being

3drilled, one was being fracked and all of a sudden four

4homes the water turns black and you have got so much gas

5coming in your house that you have to take a shower, in the

6middle of winter, with your windows open and your fan going,

7and your outside window open because of risk of explosion.

8Every time the fire alarm would go off, my wife

9was scared to death that the home blew up and nobody should

10have to live like that and just be brushed under the carpet.

11Now the nearest well to us is 4,000 feet. The one that is

12suspected of damaging our water is 7,000 feet and there is a

13direct link to the well that is 7,000 feet away to our water

14that proves that it caused our water problem and it is right

15in front, it's right on the DEP's own documents and

16everything right in front of everybody's face but nobody

17will admit it.

18Nobody will come out and say publicly that they

19caused the water problems because it is 7,000 feet away and

20right now the regulations are 2,500 feet. We live in a

21valley, all the wells are around us on the hilltops. One is

22being fracked, one is being drilled, all of a sudden, four

23homes, all on the same day the water turns black, I mean you

24are better off bathing in a mud puddle than you are in our

25water.

PM4-21 The commentor’s statement regarding impacts on their water and home due to hydraulic fracturing are noted. See the response to comment LA1-4.

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1 Not only did our water fill with methane but it
2 also filled with high levels of metals, dangerously high
3 levels of metals that caused my dog to have a tumor. We had
4 a cat that a numerous litters of kittens that were born dead
5 afterwards and every once in a while the kids will leave the
6 toilet lid open and the dog would be drinking out of it.
7 Now she's got a huge tumor on her side. She's been
8 perfectly healthy until then.

9 We were fortunately enough to have the black
10 water and spot it before we drank any of it and we quit
11 drinking it so luckily we haven't developed anything yet
12 that we know of but you know there is just so much cover up
13 with all this stuff that's going on down here, nobody wants
14 to admit it goes on and when this happens to a family, your
15 home is devalued.

16 We found one insurance company that would insure
17 our home. Only one. It's not fair to the people who have
18 to live like this, your home is now worth nothing, you can't
19 sell it, you can't rent it. If these people are going to
20 come in here and take this gas out, and cart it to all the
21 other countries, when the families are made to live like
22 this and they have to put out extra money to keep their
23 water from freezing outside and they have to take one day
24 every week to deliver water into the town and there is other
25 folks in this room that have to do the same thing.

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	1 That's not fair. It ain't right. I say to	
	2 anybody who doubts me, put yourself in my shoes and try to	
	3 live like I have to live every single day	
	4 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.	
	5 MR. MANNING: And it ain't right, it just is not	
	6 right, thanks.	
	7 MR. MOONEYHAN: Rahy Kemble, Rebecca Roter.	
	8 MR. KEMBLE: Yeah, Rahy Kemble, Dimock,	
	9 Pennsylvania. K-e-m-b-l-e. I'm one of the affected	
	10 landowners also. I'm an ex-gas worker and I'm also a	
	11 Teamster. I got over 16 wells around my house with the	
PM4-22	12 gathering lines running all over the place. The run-off	
	13 from these gathering lines is coming off the hillsides, have	
	14 failed.	
	15 The mud runs down into the property, into the	
	16 creek beds. The hunting has gone terrible bad in my area,	
	17 there's nothing worth hunting because of all the gathering	
	18 lines and the well pads. The one compressor station is	
	19 setting down the road, blew up a couple of years ago,	
	20 rattled my house, that was the lathrop compressor station.	
	21 I have got the Teel compressor station a half	
	22 mile down the road the other way which totally contaminates	
PM4-23	23 the whole valley with the air. When they blow that	
	24 compressor station off, you barely can breathe in the	
	25 valley. This is just numerous of the problems, I drove a	

PM4-22 The FERC does not regulate gas well drilling, hydraulic fracturing, or gathering lines. See the response to comments CO1-4 and IND169-1 regarding erosion control measures for the proposed projects.

PM4-23 See the response to comments CO41-21 and IND13-4 regarding air quality from the proposed compressor station.

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	<p>1 truck for three years for the gas industry between the</p> <p>2 cross-contaminations that we do with the trucks, the illegal</p> <p>3 dumpings that we have done, the blow-outs that we have done</p> <p>4 where they put gathering lines and the blow out and we have</p> <p>5 gone in in the middle of the night to do these clean-ups is</p> <p>6 just ridiculous. It is one of the reasons I quit and I</p> <p>7 started speaking out because I just couldn't do this in my</p> <p>8 own county where I live.</p>
PM4-24	<p>9 My house is absolutely worth zero. I have a</p> <p>10 buffalo sit out there, just like Matt and Tammy, we have to</p> <p>11 truck the water in so we can turn around and take a shower.</p> <p>12 We should not have to live like this. I am tired of it, I</p> <p>13 don't want any more wells around me, I don't want any more</p> <p>14 pipelines in the county. I would just prefer to see the</p> <p>15 whole dang thing out of Susquehanna County, thank you.</p>
	<p>16 MS. ROTER: My name is Rebecca Roter.</p> <p>17 R-e-b-e-c-c-a R-o-t-e-r and I live less than a mile from</p>
PM4-25	<p>18 the Williams central compressor station. Since the weather</p> <p>19 has warmed up, I can hear the low-frequency vibration rumble</p> <p>20 from the station 24/7. The sound is associated with</p> <p>21 vibroacoustic disease which can, among other things, effect</p> <p>22 cardiac function.</p>
PM4-26	<p>23 If I can hear it that means the air is blowing my</p> <p>24 way and so are all the toxic air emissions like benzene,</p> <p>25 formaldehyde, nitrogen oxides, PM2.5, and more hazardous air</p>

PM4-24 The commentor's opposition is noted.

PM4-25 See the response to comment IND580-1.

PM4-26 See the response to comments CO41-21 and IND13-4 regarding air emissions from the proposed compressor station.

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PM4-26 cont'd	<p>1 pollutant per the PA DEPA air pollution permits that bring</p> <p>2 along known human health risks ranging from headaches,</p> <p>3 nosebleeds, sore throats, to cancer, et cetera.</p> <p>4 I cannot help but wonder if these toxic air</p> <p>5 emissions blowing my way have anything to do with my recent</p> <p>6 sore throat, ear ache and general upper respiratory</p> <p>7 symptoms.</p>
PM4-27	<p>8 Williams still denies the central station is the</p> <p>9 beginning of the FERC project. The 30 inch transmission</p> <p>10 line that Constitution pipeline, which lets them off the</p> <p>11 hook for any accountability to our community for any</p> <p>12 comprehensive environmental impact study, cumulative air and</p> <p>13 public health study, real estate devaluation, increased</p> <p>14 truck traffic, road damage, induced build-out, and general</p> <p>15 safety living around all the infrastructure. We have no</p>
PM4-28	<p>16 set-backs for any infrastructure except compressors which is</p> <p>17 a mere 300 feet.</p> <p>18 This is a dangerous industry happening in our</p> <p>19 back yards, front yards and school yards and no one is</p> <p>20 accountable to us for transparency or safety. The services</p> <p>21 comparable to Wild Well, out of Houston, Texas were required</p> <p>22 twice that I know of in the past year in my township, to</p> <p>23 deal with the dangerous out-of-control wells. It takes 24</p> <p>24 hours for the emergency crew to get here.</p> <p>25 No one voluntarily tells us anything, whether</p>

PM4-27 See the response to comment CO41-29 regarding William’s Central Compressor Station.

PM4-28 The commentor’s statements regarding safety notifications are noted. However, the FERC does not regulate gas well drilling, gas well pads, hydraulic fracturing, or gathering lines.

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1 it's a mercaptan spill, an out-of-control well, a blow down,
2 compressor explosions and fires, all of which we have
3 experienced. This is our new normal.
4 There is no system to notify residents living
5 around infrastructures, when there are incidents. We are
6 out of the loop when it comes to public safety and
7 transparency. A month ago, a Chevron well pad exploded in
8 Greene County, Pennsylvania and incinerated a 300 foot
9 radius. An industry worker, Ian McKee was killed, we should
10 not forget him.
11 We are out of the loop when it comes to public
12 safety. At this explosion, the half-mile radius was blocked
13 off for public safety in Greene County. Set-backs from
14 homes, schools, other human dwellings are a real safety
15 issue in our county. I am also concerned about set-backs
16 for well pads for compressors.
17 The Teddick well pad, which is not that far from
18 the Williams Central, if that well pad blows with the
19 Central station also blow, and that's the slated beginning
20 of this 30 inch transmission line, that would be a fireball,
21 many of my neighbors and myself would possibly be
22 incinerated.

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23 Jeffery Weise, PHMSA's head of safety told the
24 newspaper reporter, the regulatory process he oversees is
25 kind of dying, he said PHMSA has very few tools to work with

PM4-29 See the response to comment IND239-2 regarding safety regulations governed by the PHMSA. See the response to comment CO47-1.

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PM4-29 cont'd	<p>1 in enforcing safety rules. He noted a 2 million dollar</p> <p>2 civil penalty would not hurt a major corporation.</p> <p>3 PHMSA is creating a you-tube channel to persuade</p> <p>4 the industry to voluntarily improve its safety operations,</p> <p>5 and is reaching out to us, the public, to socialize the</p> <p>6 issue.</p> <p>7 I ask FERC, need you hear more? The head of</p> <p>8 PHMSA safety flat out said he cannot protect us from his</p> <p>9 project. Deny this application as Williams and Cabot</p> <p>10 segmented the project to avoid accountability to our</p> <p>11 community, and because even PHMSA acknowledges they can't</p> <p>12 protect us.</p>
PM4-30	<p>13 You at FERC have an opportunity to take America</p> <p>14 back, for rural communities like mine, or to give a</p> <p>15 corporate partnership, eminent domain to steal American land</p> <p>16 to export an American resource, natural gas, overseas to</p> <p>17 maximize corporate profit, leaving us with all the</p> <p>18 environmental health, and socio-economic costs.</p> <p>19 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.</p> <p>20 MS. ROTER: Do the right thing by America and</p> <p>21 deny this application.</p> <p>22 MS. CLIFFORD: Yes do you want me to spell it?</p> <p>23 MR. BOWMAN: Yes, go ahead.</p> <p>24 MS. CLIFFORD: Just go ahead. My name is</p> <p>25 Barbara Clifford. I am a member of the Executive Council of</p>

PM4-30

The commentor's request to deny the proposed projects is noted. See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain. See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export.

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1 Breathe Easy Susquehanna County, BESC, and I am reading the
2 following comments on behalf of BESC.

3 Can I start with -- one second. Should I start
4 from the beginning?

5 Okay my name is Barbara Clifford. I am a member of the
6 Executive Council of Breathe Easy Susquehanna County, BESC,
7 and I am reading the following comments on behalf of BESC.

8 Our mission and goal is to protect regional air
9 quality and help communities in Susquehanna County,
10 Pennsylvania from potentially harmful air emissions released
11 through the processes of shale gas extraction, production,
12 and transport.

PM4-31 13 We therefore ask FERC to deny a certificate of
14 convenience, eminent domain, to Williams and Cabot for the
15 Constitution Pipeline. As the Constitution Pipeline project
16 would absolutely induce development in our county, and
17 absolutely worsen our air quality. We ask FERC to deny the
18 project outright. We want FERC to acknowledge we are going
19 to use segmentation, showing the lack of transparency and
20 honesty of that concern for our community.

PM4-32 21 Williams continues to state that the Central
22 station is not part of this FERC project, thereby evading
23 any required environmental impact statement for our county.
24 We further ask FERC to require Williams and Cabot to do a
25 comprehensive air study from upstream to midstream to

PM4-31 The commentor's request to deny the proposed projects is noted. See the response to comment CO26-10 regarding induced development. See the response to LA1-4 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

PM4-32 See the response to comment CO41-29 regarding William's Central Compressor Station. The commentor's request for a cumulative air analysis from drilling and hydraulic fracturing is noted. However, the FERC does not regulate gas well drilling, gas well pads, hydraulic fracturing, or gathering lines.

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PM4-32 cont'd	1 characterize the air pollution during drilling, fracking, 2 incompletions, pipeline emissions and the hydrators and 3 compressors.
PM4-33	4 We ask that future emissions be part of the study 5 and that the CARO surveyor be deployed. We ask for an 6 independent team of researchers, representing all 7 stakeholders to conduct this comprehensive air study and to 8 also evaluate the cumulative public health impacts. We ask 9 that continuous emissions monitoring systems be employed in 10 your study at all natural gas sites and for the day to be 11 totally transparent of public review. 12 We recommend that Dr. Michael McCawley, PhD, 13 Toxicology Department Chair, West Virginia's School of 14 Public Health, Dr. Robert Jackson, Duke University, Dr. Theo 15 Colborn, Endocrinologist, Dr. Marilyn Howarth, University of 16 Pennsylvania Center for Excellence in Environment 17 Toxicology, and Dr. David Brown of the Southwest 18 Environmental Health Project, be consulted on and 19 participate in, designing and implementing this 20 comprehensive air and public health study, thank you. 21 MR. MOONEYHAN: Frank Finan, Daniel Reynolds. 22 MR. FINAN: F-r-a-n-k F-i-n-a-n. I just want to PM4-34 23 make one point. As a concerned citizen of Susquehanna 24 County, I am distressed about the changes in air quality due 25 to natural gas extraction and I object to this pipeline.

PM4-33 See the response to comment CO57-3.

PM4-34 The commentor’s opposition to the proposed projects is noted.

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1 Although pipelines appear to be benign, they will demand

2 compressor stations to move the gas through the line.

3 The compressors not only move the gas, they

4 remove the impurities and release them into our breathing

5 air. Benzene and formaldehyde are just two of the poisons

6 they emit. This activity is not acceptable and it should

7 not be permitted, thank you. Give the rest of my time to

8 Matt Walker if that is possible.

9 MR. BOWMAN: He signed up.

10 MR. REYNOLDS: D-a-n-i-e-l R-e-y-n-o-l-d-s.

11 Guys, I know you guys are upset. I happen to be a

12 pipeliner.

13 MR. BOWMAN: Can you please speak into the

14 microphone.

15 MR. REYNOLDS: Sorry. I'm sorry you guys are

16 upset. I'm sorry some things have happened to you. I

17 happen to be a pipe liner. I have been pipelining for about

18 four to five years. Now I grew up in this area, I graduated

19 from Blue Ridge High School. I still own property down

20 here. I hunt, I fish, I'm a naturalist myself but I will

21 say this.

22 I grew up on farms in this area and I will tell

23 you what, if an accident happens on the pipeline, we take

24 care of it. We have diaper kits, spill kits, so on and so

25 forth and I know growing up on the farm, we didn't have any

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See the response to comments CO41-21 and IND13-4 regarding air quality impacts from the proposed projects.

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1 of that stuff. I know how many hydraulic lines have broken
2 on the farm, how many water lines, radiators, steam-freeze,
3 and before this new environmental anti-freeze, guess what,
4 we were using the old green stuff that will kill your cats,
5 kill your dogs, and kill the cows.

6 I'm sorry if you guys have issues. I can't help
7 that. But what I can say is all the farms that I have
8 worked on in this area have polluted way more than any
9 pipeline that I have ever been a part of putting in the
10 ground. I know doing pipelines, you may not understand it,
11 my house that I live at up in Endicott, New York was built
12 on 54, has natural gas heat. Guess what, that pipeline that
13 gives me my hot water, was there long before I got there.

14 These pipelines have been coming through the area
15 since the 30's and a lot of these older pipelines need to be
16 replaced and I can understand, like I said, everybody has
17 heart-ache, but those old lines that were put in in the 30's
18 and the 40's, if they are not replaced, the dangers you
19 think you have now are nothing compared to what a new
20 pipeline will do.

21 The coating alone, on new pipelines last longer
22 than the lines that are in the ground now. I know that I
23 have been part of projects where we replaced old lines and I
24 have been parts of projects in Pennsylvania, West Virginia
25 and New York now and I will say this, your evasive species,

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1 I don't know much about that, I'm sorry I don't, but of
2 stuff that I've read in West Virginia, a lot of the deer
3 population are coming back to pipelines.

4 A lot of the hunters are happy because things are
5 starting to get back to pipelines. Those pipeline
6 right-of-ways, I don't know the evasive species, I really
7 don't, but when you have habitat that's coming back to where
8 people can hunt again, fish again, all I know is that
9 anything that I have ever seen on the pipeline has been done
10 safely. Any spill that I have ever been a part of, whether
11 I may have caused it, a drop-line breaks, that happens, but
12 I'll tell you the farms I have ever grown up on, we never
13 had spill kits, we never had diapers.

14 You know what we did, we kicked the dirt over the
15 hydraulic fluid and walked away. The diesel fuel spilling
16 on the farms that I have worked on, are you kidding me. If
17 you spent any time on a farm you know exactly what I am
18 talking about, and I will tell you what, that doesn't happen
19 on a pipeline.

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20 Pipeline is the safest transmission of natural
21 gas. It is safer than above ground, it's safer than the oil
22 line in Alaska. Putting it in the ground, burying a line is
23 the safest way to transmit the gas. I'm not here to pound
24 the drum for independence of oil, independence of natural
25 gas. I'm trying to do the safest, cleanest job that I can

PM4-36

The commentor's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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1 do because I have property in Susquehanna County.

2 I hunt and fish in Susquehanna County. I hunt
3 and fish in New York and I don't want my deer going away. I
4 don't want my fish, my trout, my small-mouth bass.

5 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.

6 MR. FINAN: I don't want any of that stuff
7 ruined, that's why when I work the pipeline, I do it the
8 safest possible way I can do it every day. Thank you very
9 much.

10 MR. MOONEYHAN: John Heptig.

11 MR. HEPTIG: My name is John Heptig, that's
12 J-o-h-n and then H-e-p-t-i-g and I'm a candidate for state
13 representative. I am running as a democrat in the primary
14 unopposed in District 111 which will cover, starting next
15 election cycle will cover most of Susquehanna and Wayne
16 County.

17 Now I don't want to be a candidate who, or a
18 politician who speaks out of both side of his mouth, or is
19 very vague on what he stands for, I'm just going to cut

PM4-37 | 20 straight to the point. I do support a ban on fracking. I
21 believe that you know, hydraulic fracturing should be our
22 absolute last resort, not our first and before I continue I
23 should just mention that I didn't realize I was going to be
24 speaking today, so I just quickly jotted down some notes
25 here, so sorry if I don't sound so great here.

PM4-37

See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

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PM4-38 | 1 So anyway, you know I believe water is our most
2 valuable resource and I would hate to see something happen
3 in Pennsylvania that happened down in West Virginia. Now,
4 you know, I'm a big supporter of unions and one reason is
5 because they are very responsible, they follow all the
6 regulations, all the guidelines.
7 My dad, he works for IBW, however I have worked
8 as an engineer for the last seven or eight years and you
9 know the one thing I got out of that is I realize that
10 human beings are incapable of making perfect designs and you
11 know, all it takes is one incident and you have something
12 like you have, like I said West Virginia, Gulf of Mexico.
13 Now, there's two big reasons why you know, people
14 want this. One is for energy independence and the other one
15 is for you know, money, jobs, et cetera. Now, you know,
16 when it comes to energy, you know, obviously I believe in
17 green energy and I realize that, you know, there's a big
18 argument against, you know, the wind doesn't always blow,
19 the sun doesn't always shine, that sort of thing, however
20 there are an infinite number of things we can do to reduce
21 how much fuel we use, you know I grew up in Pittsburgh and
22 they were constantly building new homes out in the suburbs,
23 all the old homes near the city are gone, abandoned, so
24 people are driving an hour to work, wasting gas.
25 Not only that but you are tearing down the rain

PM4-38

See the response to comments LA8-3 and IND239-3 regarding water contamination.

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1 forest, et cetera, then you think about all the jobs you see
2 on you know, turn on the TV you look at all these
3 commercials on TV, think about all the people that have to
4 drive to work every day to do those jobs, I mean it's just
5 wasteful energy, those people could be you know, working on
6 other things for you know, sustainable living.

7 Then when it comes to you know, money, we are the
8 richest country in the world. There is no reason we need to
9 pollute our water, you know, there's, I hate to use the word
10 infinite again, but there is an infinite number of things we
11 can do as far as money, you know, building high speed rail,
12 et cetera, et cetera.

13 And that's all I've got, but I just want to let
14 you know I will be, you know, here afterwards, I'll be near
15 the door there, I have a handful of flyers in case people
16 are interested in some of my other ideas, but thanks for
17 your time.

18 MS. SOLAR: Meryl Solar, am I close enough to the
19 mic. M-e-r-y-l S-o-l-a-r, I am a resident of New Milford
20 Township, I live here. The Constitution is planned for
21 about 2,000 feet from my back door. It is just on my
22 neighbor's property. Mine, I only have 5 little acres and I
23 just lived through the construction of the Blue Stone
24 gathering line which follows the same route of the construct
25 as the Constitution, so here we go again.

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PM4-39 1 Destroyed roads, crushed sluice pipes, so now I
2 have a moat in front of my house, I mean I can't begin to
3 tell you all the nightmares. And I really wasn't planning
4 on saying anything, because I have been going through this
5 for two years now, when they first came up with the
6 Constitution and the land people were coming to do the
7 surveys and badgering us, so the only thing I have left to
8 say, and I guess it's because I have no more delusions that
9 FERC's role in this is to decide if the Constitution will
10 move forward, but just when and how many tweaks need to be
11 done along the way to make more people smile, more
12 landowners smile while they are manipulating them.

PM4-40 13 You know, so I have had many conversations with
14 people from FERC, and what I have come to understand is that
15 they are under governmental Congressional mandate basically,
16 to assume that the need for the natural gas is there and the
17 pipeline is a necessity so that just really brings me to one
18 last question -- one last issue.

19 FERC is tasked with issuing a certificate of
20 public convenience and public necessity, and I really have
21 to think long and hard about what exactly that means and I
22 think it's FERC that needs to think long and hard about what

PM4-41 23 exactly that means because every day you wake up and you
24 hear more about gas being sold to China and India and
25 everywhere else that it is needed by the industry, so they

PM4-39 See the response to comment LA1-1 regarding road repairs.

PM4-40 See the response to comment IND44-2.

PM4-41 See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export.

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1 can maximize their profits from this resource.
2 Then you hear about the government, starting to
3 think about how we can deflate the Russian threat on the
4 Ukraine and supply our natural gas resources in place of
5 theirs to the Ukraine and Western Europe. So now we are
6 thinking of it as a political ploy. So I have to ask the
7 question, is this really a certificate of public convenience
8 and necessity? Or maybe it should be called the certificate
9 of political expediency and collusion with industry for
10 their convenience, their profit at our expense. Thank you.

11 And please, I ask you guys, you have cut so many
12 good speakers off, I didn't use my four minutes, can you
13 please give it to someone else who needs it.

14 MR. MOONEYHAN: Tony Baroni.

PM4-42

15 MR. BARONI: I'm Tony Baroni, Anthony Baroni for
16 the record. A-n-t-h-o-n-y B-a-r-o-n-i. I live in New
17 Milford on Sutton Road. Until now I thought it was safe to
18 say most of Susquehanna County was in favor of gas
19 development.

20 I have been in favor of it. I have sold a gas
21 lease, I've leased -- I've sold a right-of-way across my
22 property. Blue Stone put their pipeline through my
23 property. I was impressed with the care they took putting
24 it through. But dealing with Constitution, it's pushing me
25 toward the ranks of the anti-gas people.

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The commentator's opposition and statements regarding
Constitution are noted.

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1 Constitution wants to run their pipeline across
2 my property and I am not agreeable. But they tell me that
3 this is a federal project, so you can't stop us, we are just
4 coming through whether you want it or not. They are using
5 this tactic to bully us and I really hate that, I despise it
6 and it turns me off.

7 (APPLAUSE)

8 I have received various letters and phone calls
9 over the last year from them. The first one I threw away
10 because it told me you better agree with this and just sign
11 up because if you start negotiating with us, your terms are
12 only going to get worse. And their terms were half of what
13 Blue Stone paid me, so they were bad to begin with. But
14 since I tried contacting people, when I made contacts and
15 made appointments, they would make appointments to come and
16 see me, the guy wouldn't show up.

17 He never called, never apologized, three times
18 this happened. I finally got dealing with a man that is
19 polite and easy, he's agreeable to deal with but I don't
20 like what he says. So I am disagreeable because they are
21 rude, heavy-handed, I feel like I'm being bullied.

22 My experience with Blue Stone did not go well.
23 They dug a ditch, they mounded up my dirt, I was barred from
24 going on most of my property for over a year, they said it
25 would take a month or two. And they were good to deal with.

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PM4-43	1 One thing they did was they purchased the options to
	2 purchase first and if they ran into a landowner that didn't
	3 want to deal with them, they would find another way around,
	4 dealing with cooperative landowners.
	5 So I have some questions or comments on the
	6 impact statement. I don't know if FERC actually verifies
	7 what is in the document is correct or accurate or do they
	8 just take it at face value unless we point out various
	9 inaccuracies.
	10 Now I have studied what I could, but it is a huge
	11 document and I don't know what polisterin and emerging
	12 wetlands and all this stuff is, I'd still be on google
	13 trying to figure it out, but I will talk about what I know.
	14 The inaccuracies, there are inaccuracies on my
	15 property. The maps I was given only a month ago showed the
	16 pipeline running on the north side of Sutton Road. My
	17 property is on the south side of Sutton Road. The overall
	18 map showed the map not even going through my property, well
	19 apparently it was wrong. The line will go through my
	20 property according to the detailed map.
	21 But the detailed map showed it crossing the Blue
	22 Stone Pipeline on my property. And the Blue Stone Pipeline
	23 was shown in a position that was 90 degrees off the way the
	24 Blue Stone is, so they are not being very careful here.
PM4-44	25 Appendix L itemizes wetland crossings, it shows a pipeline

PM4-43 See the response to comment IND518-6.

PM4-44 See the response to comment IND741-4.

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PM4-44 cont'd	<p>1 coming on to my property through a wetland that is 48 feet</p> <p>2 long and another crossing off my property, wetlands --</p> <p>3 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.</p> <p>4 MR. BARONI: Oh boy, I'm never going to make it.</p> <p>5 I have got some of his time, don't I?</p> <p>6 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please conclude.</p> <p>7 MR. BARONI: Anyway if they get this</p> <p>8 inaccuracies, I don't know what to do about them, okay,</p> <p>9 here's something not spelled out in the environmental impact</p> <p>10 statement. The proposed pipeline, this is from the very</p>
PM4-45	<p>11 first station, sentence in it, the proposed pipeline project</p> <p>12 was developed in response to the market demands in New York</p> <p>13 and New England and due to interest from shippers that</p> <p>14 require transportation passively from Susquehanna County,</p> <p>15 Pennsylvania to existing blah, blah, blah, blah, this point</p> <p>16 is not expanded on in the five bullets on the next page,</p> <p>17 where they tell about all of the wonderful things this is</p> <p>18 going to do for us, but they should have a sixth bullet that</p> <p>19 says something like bringing our gas to port cities will</p> <p>20 allow this gas to be shipped overseas to be sold. This will</p> <p>21 greatly increase the demand and the gas thus raising the</p> <p>22 price, and ultimately profits. Think about it.</p> <p>23 This is good for us the residents of Susquehanna</p> <p>24 County, the residents of the United States? I have serious</p> <p>25 doubts. I urge you to do not approve it, they use this fact</p>

PM4-45

See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export. The
commentor's request to deny the proposed projects is noted.

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1 of this, a federal project to bully us, the work has been
2 inaccurate, they prefer eminent domain than to adjust the
3 line to avoid it and the project will serve big energy
4 companies, not Americans if this gas is shipped overseas.

5 MR. MOONEYHAN: Alex Lotorto. Barry Carrigan,
6 Jr., Alex Lotorto.

7 MR. LOTORTO: A-l-e-x L-o-t-o-r-t-o. I'm
8 speaking partially on behalf of my organization, it's called
9 Energy Justice Network. Our organization focuses on the
10 intersection of social justice and the environment and a
11 large amount of work that I have done in the last year, the
12 year and a half that I have consulted with them, is talking
13 to union members about what I call a "just transition" and I
14 will speak to this very briefly.

15 But the concept is that good jobs and a healthy
16 environment and not mutually exclusive. It's not a very
17 radical concept. We have been doing it in the timber
18 industry in Pennsylvania for many years, since Gifford
19 Pinchot was Governor. He put in a forestry program,
20 sustainable yield logging, instead of tree plantations we
21 have select cuts. It creates more jobs, it keeps our
22 timber, hard-wood industry going and that's an industry that
23 also I would like to point out, because I use that example

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24 often, it is going to be directly impacted by the use of our
25 forest for pipeline infrastructure, well pads and it's a

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See the response to comment CO13-1.

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PM4-46 cont'd	<p>1 history rural heritage industry.</p> <p>2 It's one of many that we have here in rural</p> <p>3 Pennsylvania. Workers across our state, our largest assets</p> <p>4 and I'm sure many of the men in this room would say it is</p> <p>5 their homes, and you raise wages for your families, and you</p> <p>6 pay into your mortgage and your home becomes a proud, for</p> <p>7 yourself and your families for generations yet to come.</p>
PM4-47	<p>8 What we've heard from landowners here, and I can</p> <p>9 say that there is landowners from all the way from Pike</p> <p>10 County where the Tennessee Pipeline just finished last year,</p> <p>11 that would say that their property values were decreased by</p> <p>12 this eminent domain process, that they were not compensated</p> <p>13 fairly and that essentially, because their homes are</p> <p>14 devalued, their wages were stolen.</p> <p>15 You know I work very closely with some union</p> <p>16 retirees, that have retired to the Poconos, and I'm sure</p> <p>17 there is plenty in the endless mountains that have chosen</p> <p>18 this area to live and to enjoy and the Catskills where some</p> <p>19 of you are from and upstate, you would say the same thing.</p>
PM4-48	<p>20 When we industrialize our rural landscape, we</p> <p>21 displace our traditional rural heritage industries that</p> <p>22 include agriculture, real estate, tourism, recreation,</p> <p>23 hard-wood, stone, construction, all the other things that we</p> <p>24 could have and I would like to add that was mentioned by our</p> <p>25 candidate here, John Heptig, you know the green energy</p>

PM4-47 See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain.
See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values.

PM4-48 See the response to comment CO41-23 regarding
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1 technology is a young engineer.

2 You know we have innovated our way out of
3 problems throughout history in America, you know, electric
4 car components have to be made, wind turbine blades have to
5 be made, solar panels have to be made. Homes have to be
6 weatherized, buildings, commercial building projects have to
7 be built to new codes so that we could have those kinds of
8 jobs in the future.

9 That's where we need to be focused. When we
10 spent billions and billions of dollars, building up this
11 temporary industry that is not going to last for generations
12 yet to come, you displace that opportunity and you push it
13 down the road and we always talk about generations yet to
14 come and I would like to say, you know, my union, I'm here
15 also to speak just as a union guy, is Industrial Workers of
16 the World.

17 We invented the phrase, an injury to one is an
18 injury to all and I implore the unions that are involved in
19 negotiating these project labor agreements, please look at
20 the cost to the workers and the path of this pipeline, the
21 people who live next to these wells that have to be drilled
22 to supply the line, the compressor stations that are making
23 toxic emissions. Don't just say as long as I got mine, say
24 "an injury to one is an injury to all", because that is the
25 concept of labor.

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1 Now the last point I want to make, labor and
2 environmentalists have a unique partnership we can make with
3 each other. Our political enemies are the same.

4 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.

5 MR. LOTORTO: The people who want to
6 pass right-to-work legislation are the same people who want
7 to put pipelines in the ground. And when you lobby on
8 behalf of these companies, you pump money directly into
9 their pockets that they use to support our political
10 enemies, and I have to tell you, right here in Pennsylvania,
11 we have been fighting a right-to-work bill and the
12 politicians pushing it, including our Governor Tom Corbett.

13 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please conclude.

14 MR. LOTORTO: Are receiving millions of dollars
15 of donations from these companies, so we have a lot of other
16 angles to think about, so please be careful with how we
17 treat each other, because I would like to build better
18 relationships with you.

19 MR. CORRIGAN: My name is Barry Corrigan, Jr.
20 C-o-r-r-i-g-a-n . I didn't prepare anything, I'm
21 just here as an impacted people. I have an intimate
22 relationship with people who have been drilled and are part
23 of the collection of the gas. They are getting paid to get
24 the gas. Their payment percentage starts with a decimal
25 point and three zeroes. I don't know if you know what that

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PM4-49	1 means when you are trying to measure something, but you
	2 can't see it, it's stupid.
	3 Their land has been robbed from them, and they
	4 have been lied to on a daily basis. Now they want to run a
	5 Constitution pipeline through their land. You people have
	6 nothing to worry about because Constitution pipeline says,
	7 we can't go anywhere else, but through their land, and they
	8 are going to say no.
	9 If you say no, they can't do it. This eminent
	10 domain thing is garbage. They can only do that if they have
	11 no other alternative. As long as you don't give them any
	12 other alternative they can't do it. You own the land, it
	13 belongs to you. They can't just come in and tell you, "oh,
	14 by the way this land is no longer worth anything and we are
	15 going to ruin the area all around for your neighbors". They
	16 can't just do that.
PM4-50	17 Not without ludicrous compensation. I mean if
	18 they want to walk in and say okay, we'll give you two
	19 percent of everything that goes through the pipeline and
	20 make that go into the community, well now maybe we're
	21 talking about something that might be negotiable and maybe
	22 there would be people that would be willing to allow you to
	23 do it. I mean the gas is here, it's got to get out, don't
	24 get me wrong.
	25 I don't misunderstand that, but what's happening

PM4-49 See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain.
See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values.

PM4-50 See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding easement negotiations.

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	1 to the people that live here while all of you go out and
	2 make your billions of dollars is like this and it is wrong
	3 and you are ruining them and you are lying to them.
	4 MR. WALKER: Hi, my name is Matt Walker, M-a-t-t
	5 W-a-l-k-e-r and I'm Community Outreach Director with Clean
	6 Air Council, hold on one second, it's loose. Clean Air
	7 Council is an environmental health organization with members
	8 throughout Pennsylvania, including Susquehanna County.
	9 For more than 40 years, the Council has fought to
PM4-51	10 protect everyone's right to breathe clean air. Since the
	11 Constitution Pipeline was first proposed, many residents
	12 noticed a strange coincidence, and all this mystery happened
	13 to be proposed and start constructing a natural gas pressure
	14 station in Brooklyn Township, PA at the exact location where
	15 the Constitution Pipeline would begin.
	16 The public also noticed the glaring omission in
	17 the application of FERC for this pipeline project. No
	18 compressor station at the beginning of the pipeline. It's
	19 unusual for compressor stations to not be present at this
	20 stage of the project.
	21 Because the expanded central compressor station
	22 will likely play a critical role in the functioning of the
	23 Constitution Pipeline, if it is build, the Federal Energy
	24 Regulatory Commission, or FERC should definitely consider
	25 the impacts of that expansion and the impacts of the

PM4-51 See the response to comment CO41-29 regarding the Central Compressor Station.

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PM4-51 cont'd	<p>1 operation of the compressor station in general, as part of</p> <p>2 its cumulative impact review of the project.</p> <p>3 FERC has argued that the station has been</p> <p>4 developed for a different project and will be operating in</p> <p>5 any case. Clean Air Council argues that this is an</p> <p>6 unacceptable abandonment by FERC of its responsibilities to</p> <p>7 consider cumulative impacts.</p> <p>8 Frankly it doesn't matter how many pipelines,</p> <p>9 Williams can discharge gas from, from the central station or</p> <p>10 who owns the project, the point is the air and water impacts</p> <p>11 associated with the station must be considered and</p>
PM4-52	<p>12 quantified in the EIS. FERC must also include a more</p> <p>13 detailed discussion about the Wright compressor station,</p> <p>14 which would allow gas from the Constitution to enter into</p> <p>15 both Iroquois and the Tennessee Gas Pipeline in New York.</p>
PM4-53	<p>16 FERC must complete in the final EIS an analysis</p> <p>17 of direct and indirect air quality and greenhouse gas</p> <p>18 impacts that will result from the projects, including</p> <p>19 emissions generated by future wells and gathering compressor</p> <p>20 stations induced by the availability of a nearby</p> <p>21 transmission conduit. Constitution is required by law to</p> <p>22 allow other companies to use their pipeline so that the</p> <p>23 existence of the pipeline will likely spur more facilities.</p> <p>24 The National Environmental Policy Act requires</p> <p>25 FERC to take into account the incremental impacts of the</p>

PM4-52 Section 4.11.1 and 4.11.2 provides a discussion of air quality and noise from the proposed modifications to the existing Wright Compressor Station.

PM4-53 See the response to comment LA1-4.

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PM4-54	1 proposed pipeline when added to other past, present or
	2 reasonably foreseeable projects, regardless of what agency
	3 or person builds them or allows them.
	4 FERC should not be looking for reasons to abandon
	5 that responsibility. FERC also erroneously stated in the
	6 draft EIS, the majority of air pollution impacts be
	7 short-term and from construction activities. This clearly
	8 demonstrates that FERC did not consider the 24 hour, 7 days
	9 a week harmful air emissions from release to the compressor
	10 stations and to metering stations that are necessary to make
	11 the Constitution Pipeline function, not to mention other
	12 gathering stations that are already being constructed to
	13 discharge gas to Constitution.
	14 The Council urges FERC to reconsider these
	15 impacts by quantifying in the final EIS both projected
	16 emissions from the facilities and indirect emissions that
	17 result from the project, such as increased drilling and
	18 additional stations.
PM4-55	19 Compressor stations will cause the most air
	20 pollution over the life of the pipeline and if FERC were to
	21 add the emissions up for the all the infrastructure, the
	22 Commission would find that they would indeed add up to
	23 creating a significant impact on air quality and public
	24 health in the region.
	25 FERC stated that there is no standard methodology

PM4-54	The draft EIS stated that the majority of air pollution impacts from the proposed pipeline would be from construction activities. Section 4.11.1 of the EIS provides air quality impacts for the proposed compressor station in combination with the existing Wright Compressor Station.
PM4-55	See the response to comment SA6-1 regarding climate change.

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PM4-55 cont'd	<p>1 to evaluate the cumulative impacts of Constitution's</p> <p>2 greenhouse gases on climate change, but then later concluded</p> <p>3 that the emissions from this project are insignificant since</p> <p>4 they are only a small percentage of totally U.S. greenhouse</p> <p>5 gas emissions.</p> <p>6 This is a woefully inadequate analysis and</p> <p>7 conclusion.</p> <p>8 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.</p> <p>9 MR. WALKER: With this logic, the more pipelines</p> <p>10 FERC permits, the less significant their impacts become.</p> <p>11 The Council implores FERC to take this issue seriously and</p> <p>12 develop a more scientific protocol for evaluating greenhouse</p> <p>13 gas emissions.</p>
PM4-56	<p>14 In closing, the Council requests that FERC redo</p> <p>15 their cumulative impact analysis to include the air quality</p> <p>16 impacts from compressor stations associated with this</p> <p>17 pipeline or those that could result in the building of the</p> <p>18 Constitution Pipeline.</p>
PM4-57	<p>19 Please do your due diligence in researching and</p> <p>20 incorporating public testimony and comments before issuing</p> <p>21 the final EIS. Residents need a government agency that will</p> <p>22 listen to and address their concerns, thank you.</p> <p>23 MS. HOLLERAN: Hello, can you hear me. I'm</p> <p>24 Katherine Holleran, H-o-l-l-e-r-a-n. I'm a resident of New</p> <p>25 Milford, this very area, we live about six miles away and</p>

PM4-56 See the response to comment FA4-45.

PM4-57 See the response to comment IND3-3 regarding comments.

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PM4-58	<p>1 this Constitution Pipeline is being routed directly through</p> <p>2 our entire 25 acre parcel, which is not a lot of acreage, I</p> <p>3 know it is going many, many miles, but our little 25 acre</p> <p>4 parcel, we really don't want to have sliced and split.</p> <p>5 It is coming from the south going up the west</p> <p>6 border of our property, cutting through to the east, making</p> <p>7 an arbitrary detour to purposely cut through the middle and</p> <p>8 go east into the neighboring property. Doing this, as it</p> <p>9 goes through all of our woods, where we have many, many</p> <p>10 mature maple trees that we use for maple syrup production,</p> <p>11 it's in full-swing right now, and we bore all the sap and</p> <p>12 make maple syrup and these trees take 50 to 60 years to get</p> <p>13 to the minimum 10-inch diameter in order to tap them, and</p> <p>14 this route will wipe out most of that sugar bush behind our</p> <p>15 house.</p>
PM4-59	<p>16 Not to mention we live on a lake, a little</p> <p>17 private lake and the other side of our property is the</p> <p>18 border of it and there is a major inlet stream to that lake</p> <p>19 that they are cutting right through. So that is a major</p> <p>20 environmental impact on the wetlands and the lake and</p> <p>21 possibly the quality of the lake water, not to mention our</p> <p>22 well, which is very close proximity.</p> <p>23 But the other problem, of course I know everybody</p> <p>24 here has problems with it going through their land in one</p> <p>25 way or the other, but one of the issues I want to bring up</p>

PM4-58 Section 3.4.3.2 of the EIS has been revised to discuss this parcel.

PM4-59 See the response to comment IND273-6.

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1 that nobody else has brought up is that -- one of the things
2 that it's cutting through besides several stones walls on
3 our property, that have been there for many, many years,
4 decades, is that we have archeological, cylindrical stone
5 piles that are near our stream and on the hillside, on our
6 property.
7 These are old archeological structures that they
8 are still determining the value of. My daughter is a
9 professional archeological field technician. She graduated
10 from Temple University with an anthropology degree. She has
11 worked on several pipelines, including this one, and she
12 assesses and protects cultural resources in accordance with
13 federal law which they have to do in order to put the
14 pipeline through.
15 We know for a fact that the cultural significance
16 of these stone piles has yet to be determined and that is
17 not considered acceptable yet to simply destroy them. The
18 demolition of an obviously cultural structure without
19 knowledge of what it is, or what we can learn from it is
20 criminal.
21 Although cultural research surveys have been done
22 on the entire proposed route, it is also true that there has
23 been no determination of what research and excavation must
24 be done before stone piles can be destroyed. As far as I
25 know, so far the current policy has been to avoid the issue.

PM4-60 See the response to comment IND273-9.

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1 Also this route has been surveyed for cultural
2 resources, however their predictive modeling that they are
3 using to determine where the actual "physical testing" will
4 take place has been done on large sections of land,
5 sometimes miles at a time, to be tested solely by pedestrian
6 survey. That means they just come and walk around and look
7 at it, instead of the digging and sifting of historical
8 artifacts, which is what my daughter does as an
9 archeologist, they do shuffle testing.

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10 A lot of times they don't require them to go and
11 do shuffle testing, which they are supposed to, they just
12 have pedestrian do a survey by walking around. This is
13 unusual for a project proposing such an extensive and
14 irreversible destruction and yet it begs to question what
15 might have been missed that you are digging up and
16 destroying and wiping out, when you clear cut a 100 foot
17 wide corridor.

18 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.

19 MS. HOLLERAN: Even worse though than the
20 environmental resources, the cultural resources cannot be
21 replaced once they are destroyed and the information that we
22 might have learned from our very history can never be
23 recovered and I just want to also mention that like many of
24 you other landowners, we will be paying taxes forever on a
25 huge slab of our property, of our 25 acres, there's probably

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See the response to comment IND131-1 regarding cultural resource survey protocols.

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1	a quarter to one-third
2	MR. MOONEYHAN: Please conclude.
3	MS. HOLLERAN: One-third of our entire property
4	that we will pay taxes on when it can already follow the
5	Blue Stone Pipeline that is up on the top of the hill, thank
6	you.
7	MR. MOONEYHAN: Howard Hannun.
8	MR. HANNUN: Howard Hannun, Howard H-o-w-a-r-d
9	Hannun H-a-n-n-u-n. I am going to start with a quote from
10	my distinguished colleague from Utica, New York, to say that
11	so eloquently in Richmondville on Monday night. "Not one
12	job should ever be accepted with this project as the result
13	of and through the use of eminent domain proceedings".
14	In regard to the shenanigans of the last two
15	evenings in Afton, New York, last night and in Oneonta, New
16	York, the night before, the concerned citizens of Trout
17	Creek demand a redo on the Oneonta hearing from Tuesday
18	night, April 1, 2014. The three of you should be ashamed of
19	yourselves. You are an insult to your organization and your
20	positions and you are a disgrace to yourself and your
21	families.
22	The concerned citizens of Trout Creek demand a
23	redo in respect for the disenfranchised directly affected
24	landowners that weren't able to speak.
25	(APPLAUSE)

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1 MR. MOONEYHAN: Kristina Turechek.

2 MS. TURECHEK: That's Kristina with a K Turechek,
3 T-u-r-e-c-h-e-k. I come from New York state. I am not all
4 that close to the Constitution, I know people who are going
5 to be affected. It is very upsetting to hear what's been
6 happening down in Pennsylvania. In person here I've been
7 reading about troubles down here.

8 We have a beautiful 65 acres and every time I
9 hear something about what has happened and we are reading,
10 and you read all 945 pages, reading about wetlands, slope,
11 the interior forest, the migratory birds, the streams,
12 ponds, disease, all the creatures, we have them too,
13 probably different but maybe a lot the same.

14 We are afraid of the fracking and that's one
15 reason we are afraid of the Constitution coming through but
16 just to imagine what these people have been through is
17 unimaginable.

18 I would like to talk about the homework. It
19 seems the Constitution has a lot of homework to do. It was

20 handy to see in the DEIS, the involved, you had, there were
21 38 items that they had to accomplish, it seems like most of
22 them had to be redone and completed before the end of this
23 period here and I don't know how much they have already done
24 but for instance, and people have mentioned this, the upland
25 forest land that is going to have to be completed, the

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See the response to comment FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

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See response to comment FA1-1 and comment FA6-6.

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1 upland forest, and mitigation -- I don't believe in that
2 word, I think it's a fiction, and then to be part of the
3 construction, the final complete results of an invasive
4 plant surveys have begun.

5 The last thing, the in-stream blasting of any
6 water crossing that plan has to be done and just for
7 instance, all the outstanding biological surveys have to be
8 completed, including other surveys, I don't know how much
9 they have already done. This is a draft, but to call it a
10 statement seems a little bit over the top because there is
11 so much left to be done.

12 As I said there were 38 items in the first part
13 and then you have the FERC staff's recommended mitigation
14 section and I notice that that contains some of those other
15 ones, by the way mitigation, I notice there are about 400
16 entries if you try to find the word, 408 entries, that is a
17 lot of mitigation to be done.

PM4-65

18 One of the things, I do have a question about --
19 I noticed they are going to try to take care not to cut
20 trees, I imagine that means clear cutting, you know when you
21 are doing the whole spot. During the winter time, on
22 account of birds, I wonder about that because if you cut

23 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.

24 MS. TURECHEK: 20 seconds. If you cut a whole
25 lot down, what happens in that whole area when birds come

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See the response to comment CO16-22.

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PM4-65 cont'd	1 back? I mean they are territorial, where do they go? The
PM4-66	2 last thing I want to say is the sacrifice list through
	3 compulsory denigration, through eminent domain, forced
	4 pulling, whatever, if any of that gas goes out of this
	5 country, I think that's treason, thank you.
	6 MS. SCROGGINS: I'm listening to everybody and
	7 especially the people who are local, some of the people I
	8 know, some I don't. My name is Vera Scroggins, I'm sorry.
	9 V-e-r-a S-c-r-o-g-g-i-n-s. I'm from Silver Lake Township.
	10 I just have to say that it was very painful to hear what we
	11 have to go through because of this infrastructure, because
	12 of the drilling the past five or six years.
PM4-67	13 And then when you have another pipeline coming
	14 in, that means for us more drilling. If they have a 30 inch
	15 pipeline going in, they need more gas, so where are they
	16 going to get it from? Not from New Yorkers at this point,
	17 you are not being fracked or drilled like we are, they will
	18 be coming out here and drilling everywhere.
	19 They have only done 25% approximately of our
	20 County, so that means we have another 75% that they want to
PM4-68	21 drill. We have 800 wells so far and the main company, we
	22 have six companies in this county, the main one is Cabot
	23 that has the biggest amount of leased properties and that is
	24 the company that is contracted to use the Constitution and
	25 fill it up with gas and that company has 540 DEP violations

PM4-66 The commentor’s statements regarding export and eminent domain are noted. See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain. See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding project need and export.

PM4-67 See the response to comments LA1-4 and FA4-45 regarding hydraulic fracturing.

PM4-68 See response to comment CO47-1.

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1 so far in five years, in our county alone.

2 You know what that sounds like? And millions in
3 fines -- so you met some of our residents who have damaged
4 and contaminated water, we have six sections, areas, in our
5 county where there are families with contaminated water
6 since drilling near their homes and fracking.

7 Those are the ones that we know of so far that
8 have come forward and Cabot is allowed to continue to
9 operate. Would you, union people, who are here, if you had
10 540 violations in your specific union possibly, would they
11 let you continue working as they allow this company to
12 continue to operate?

13 This company should have its permit pulled so
14 therefore it cannot ever put another ounce of gas in any
15 kind of a pipeline, whether it is the kind that
16 Constitution, the Blue Stone, or any pipeline. It is a
17 disgrace what our country is doing to us. It is a disgrace
18 what they are doing to Americans, that they would allow such
19 a thing.

20 I want to show you one of our lovely t-shirts
21 that we have. We were told by one of the designers of
22 fracking, Mr. Terry Engelder, he's a professor at Penn
23 State. He called us a necessary sacrifice. Would you like
24 to be called a necessary sacrifice? He thought that was
25 okay. He doesn't live in our county. He doesn't have any

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1 kind of gas-drilling near his home. He doesn't have lakes
2 near his home, he doesn't have pipelines and especially a
3 30-inch pipeline with high-pressure gas up to 1500 pounds
4 per square inch next to his home.

5 And he has the nerve to call us "a necessary
6 sacrifice". He came to our county, I gave him a tour, I
7 give tours to people. I gave him a tour and I showed him
8 what we have to live with. "This is what we have to live
9 with Terry, is this okay for you? And you continue to be a
10 professor at Penn State?"

11 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds.

12 MS. SCROGGINS: A disgrace, you should be also
13 just taken out of your position.

14 MR. MOONEYHAN: Craig Stevens.

15 MR. STEVENS: Good evening, Craig Stevens
16 C-r-a-i-g S-t-e-v-e-n-s, six generation landowner, Silver
17 Lake Township, Pennsylvania, fifth generation New Yorker.
18 Yeah, my dad makes me carry it all the time, he's been dead
19 for seven years, but it is called the rule book guys, that's
20 the Constitution, let me read it for you again.

21 "Nor be deprived of life, liberty or property
22 without due process of law, nor shall private property be
23 taken for public use without just compensation." That's
24 Amendment 5 if you haven't read that before.

25 You guys are all being lied to. I mean this

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PM4-69	<p>1 public, you can't call this public use, it's a private</p> <p>2 property, you are stealing, to go through a private</p> <p>3 corporation's pipeline, the gas, to go to another private</p> <p>4 corporation at some port city to ship the gas to a foreign</p> <p>5 country. You try this I'm going to sue you and everybody</p> <p>6 else is going to sue the federal government and our state.</p> <p>7 Governor Drillwell won't stand up for us but I</p> <p>8 will tell you who will, probably Governor Cuomo will tell</p> <p>9 you guys to get lost, because state's rights over-trumps</p> <p>10 federal, especially when you are stealing private property.</p> <p>11 Now, when my pipeline got installed, because guys</p> <p>12 I'm all in, I have got a gas lease, they put a pipeline</p> <p>13 across my property, its owned by Williams now, it was Lazar.</p> <p>14 When they blew out my creek in my backyard, eight times over</p> <p>15 two and a half months, after telling us they were experts,</p> <p>16 that's your experts putting stuff in.</p> <p>17 I have got the documents here, Fish and Boat</p> <p>18 found them guilty, fined them thousands of dollars, five</p> <p>19 criminal complaints, they did an environmental study too,</p> <p>20 they didn't follow any benefit -- ruined everything on the</p> <p>21 property, then when one of the mud trucks, when they were</p> <p>22 sucking up the blow out, oh by the way, DEP doesn't call</p> <p>23 them blow-out folks, that's an inadvertent return to</p> <p>24 service.</p> <p>25 I told them somebody better clean it up or I am</p>

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See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain.
See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding project need and export.

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1 going to have an involuntary muscle reaction. There's my
2 neighbor, John Jones, you might have known him, he was
3 crushed to death when one of the mud trucks cleaning up that
4 mess, flipped over on him. Luckily it didn't kill his 17
5 year old daughter, sitting in the passenger seat of his car.
6 She got to watch her dad die over the next five minutes.

7 Don't tell me that you guys know what they are
8 doing. The driver, by the way, had no CDL and three failed
9 brakes on the truck. You guys are being duped. Here's the
10 tankers they are building, guess who is building them?
11 China? Biggest ships in the world right now, it is going to
12 take every bit of this, liquefy it and send it out of here.
13 It's not for us.

14 If you think it is, why in the hell are our
15 propane costs like three times higher in the last three
16 months? You know why? The pipeline just to bring it up to
17 us from the south is reverse flow and they are stealing from
18 us. We are a third-world extraction colony, that's what we
19 are.

20 All my timber is worthless. When they cut down
21 hundreds of thousands of acres of trees, you can give it
22 away, my forest can't even make a living, it has to work for
23 hourly wage for these idiots and cut trees down for them.

PM4-70 | 24 They are ripping you off too. If you have a
25 lease, look at it. If you haven't read the paper in the

PM4-70 It is assumed the commentor is referring to payments for gas wells and gas leases. These are not regulated by the FERC.

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PM4-70 cont'd	1 last year, they are stealing your own mineral rights, but 2 taking away your 12 1/2% royalty. Most people are getting 3 3 or 4. This is what we are going to let come in here? Come 4 on guys.
PM4-71	5 God forbid, the Constitution guys, I go ask them, 6 "Uh, we don't know where the gas is going after Albany". Go 7 to the website, one of the key points is LNG exports. Isn't 8 anybody in here smart enough to know that when we have 9 low-priced gas right now, when we start competing for 10 Russia, China, India, Norway for it, we are going to be 11 paying two or three times as much, just like we are for 12 propane now.
PM4-72	13 Steal your property, rip everybody off, 14 contaminate our property and if you don't believe these 15 people come over and try to drink their water. Again, it 16 will be an experience you will never forget, if you survive 17 it.; 18 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds. 19 MR. STEVENS: Once again, I'm going to finish up 20 by naming, I'm renaming FERC for the fourth time this week, 21 FERC, foul the environment and rip off the citizens, thank 22 you very much. 23 MR. HUSTON: Hi there, thank you again for 24 allowing me to speak. I'm really going to have trouble 25 summarizing all of this in four minutes, I would have

PM4-71 See the response to comment LA7-5 regarding export.

PM4-72 See the response to comments LA8-3 and IND239-3 regarding water quality impacts.

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1 trouble in 40 minutes. There is so much defective here.
2 Before I address the FERC guys, I want to talk to the
3 landowners here.

4 If there is any landowners here who has signed an
5 agreement with Constitution Pipeline and you regret that,
6 the best thing that you can do that we all can do to kill
7 this project, is for you to send a letter of recindence or
8 recension to the applicant and there is an example of such a
9 letter at stopthepipeline.org if you come, and you need
10 assistance in finding that letter, come find me afterwards
11 and I will be happy to assist you.

12 Now then, my friend Kevin Heatley, I don't know
13 if he is still here or not, he was talking to my friend
14 Wendy Lynn Lee. We were talking about forests. I did a
15 simple numerical analysis of how many, how many trees are
16 going to be destroyed by this pipeline forever and it is

PM4-73 17 pretty easy. You start with 100 feet right-of-way and you
18 multiple it by 121 miles.

19 It turns out that it is 1,466 acres, that's equal
20 to you know, this is a high school, we have a football field
21 here, you all know how big a football field is, 1,100
22 football fields. 400 acres of the 1,466 acres are farmland.
23 400 acres of farmland are going to be permanently lost.
24 Actually half of that, supposedly is going to be reclaimed
25 but you are not going to be able to farm on top of a

PM4-73

The commentor's analysis of the number of trees that would be cleared is incorrect. The proposed pipeline is 124.4 miles long. The entire length of the proposed pipeline route is not forested. See the response to comment IND297-3 regarding agricultural land. See the response to comment CO68-5 regarding conservation of forested lands.

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1 pipeline right-of-way.
2 300 football fields of farmland lost forever.
3 430,000 trees. And they say half of that will be reclaimed,
4 well you know what when you cut down a tree and you grow a
5 new one, it is not the same. It isn't the same.
6 Do you know it is just a -- it's such a
7 smorgasbord, we have the character of the applicant we can
8 look at, Cabot Williams, a history of non-compliance with
9 the regulations. Environmental catastrophies, you know,
10 fatalities, accidents with fatalities, there are just, they
11 are just like the Three Stooges. I made a little video of
12 them and it is just like the Three Stooges banging each
13 other with pipes going Woo, Woo, Woo, Woo. That's what
14 these guys are, they are a bunch of goofballs.

PM4-74

15 They do not deserve a certificate of public
16 convenience and you must consider the character of the
17 applicant, FERC must, before you decide whether they are, if
18 they are qualified to follow the regulations, there is no
19 indication that they have any intention of following any
20 regulations and there is a mountain of data to suggest that
21 they won't.
22 They have a history of secrecy, they blow up
23 these compressor stations, we have had out of four recent
24 incidents in the last two years of compressor stations
25 exploding, we have had one public hearing and one

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See the response to comment CO47-1 and comment CO42-33.

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1 explanation, and they have been silent on the other three
2 and we have been asking for that.
3 There is no, you know, exports, we have been
4 talking about that. My friend over here, Matt Walker, did
5 an excellent job talking about the air impacts of the
6 compressor stations that are not there. They are not in the
7 DEIS, they are called, I'm trying to think of the term, they
8 are called related but
9 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 second.
10 MR. HUSTON: Related, but non-jurisdictional
11 facilities. What the heck does that mean? Related, but
12 non-jurisdictional? FERC has used an improper analysis of
13 whether they are jurisdictional facilities. You are bound
14 by NEPA, the National Environmental Policy Act to include
15 all environmental impacts, you have failed to do that. This
16 thing is a joke.
17 MR. MOONEYHAN: Please conclude your comments.
18 MR. HUSTON: You must take this back and we are
19 going to do any means necessary within the bounds, I'm a
20 non-violent person, I can't guarantee that we all area, but
21 we are going to do any means necessary to stop this project,
22 thank you.
23 MS. MARSH: We have to stop meeting like this.
24 Loddie Marsh, M-a-r-s-h. Cabot Williams comes to a zones
25 rural area and announces they are fully subscribed and will

PM4-75

As stated in section 4.13 of the EIS, non-jurisdictional project-related facilities are natural gas facilities that are not under the Commission's jurisdiction. As further stated in section 4.13 of the EIS, these types of projects were evaluated for cumulative impacts. See also the response to comment FA4-45.

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PM4-76	1 build a pipeline through our properties for 124 miles.
	2 Maybe Cabot Williams should check with residents
	3 first to find out what the consensus is among the
	4 landowners. Sadly missing from the environmental impact
PM4-77	5 statement is what this process does to people who are slated
	6 to have the pipeline through their property.
	7 People must be taken into consideration. Who
	8 would choose to move to a home with a pipeline running
PM4-78	9 through it? A 30 inch high-pressure pipeline with a burn
	10 zone of 4,450 feet, a pipeline that has no odorant, a
	11 pipeline that will devalue property, contaminate wells and
	12 whatever dreams people have for their property.
	13 This onslaught is with us every day, stress and
	14 worry about what will happen to our health, home values,
	15 forests, our forest, our wildlife, our bird sanctuaries, our
	16 walking and hiking trails, our night skies, our peace and
	17 quiet, our gardens, crops, flowers, our futures.
	18 My husband and I worked extremely hard for a very
	19 long time to save to buy our farm. We are in the Carl's
	20 Creek Watershed and have three wetlands and two ponds on our
	21 property. We value and our good stewards of our forest and
	22 lands. We follow the best management practices.
	23 We are not alone. 70% of landowners along this
	24 proposed route have not signed easements, nor do we intend
	25 to. Cabot Williams will have to steal our land. The profit

- PM4-76

The commentor’s statement regarding potentially affected landowners is noted.
- PM4-77

See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values. See the response to comment IND13-3 regarding safety. See the response to comment IND239-3 regarding water wells. .
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See the response to comment CO1-1 and CO1-2.

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	1 is not ours, the damage left behind is ours.
	2 MR. MOONEYHAN: Victoria Switzer.
	3 MS. SWITZER: Victoria Switzer, V-i-c-t-o-r-i-a
	4 S-w-i-t-z-e-r. I live in Dimock and I can read you a book
	5 tonight about my front row experience with the gas industry,
	6 but I can't write that book and that's all I'm saying about
	7 that.
PM4-79	8 But the question no one has asked you, where do
	9 you come up with the name Constitution Pipeline? Because
	10 nothing I am hearing tonight represents the Constitution in
	11 any way, shape or form. Who signs the Constitution? Who
	12 endorses the industry at the expense of the citizens that
	13 you are to serve?
	14 We pay the salaries of EPA, DEP, FERC, yet you
	15 serve the industry. The Constitution Pipeline, I just had
	16 to ask that question.
PM4-80	17 None of these signatures that I mentioned
	18 actually serve the welfare, health or safety of the
	19 citizens, it is all to promote and support the industry.
	20 You have already made your deals. We might as well just
	21 speak. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the united oil
	22 and gas industry.
	23 MR. MOONEYHAN: Ray Lewis.
	24 MR. LEWIS: Yes, first I would like to address
	25 the audience then I will address the Board. I would like to

PM4-79 The same of the proposed projects was chosen by the applicant, Constitution Pipeline Company, LLC.

PM4-80 See the response to comment IND44-2.

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	1 disclose that I, and three members of my family are proud
	2 union members and I absolutely hate to see this division of
	3 pro and anti-pipeline people. If there was a major
	4 catastrophe, we would all be working side-by-side, not
	5 giving a damn about our position on this pipeline, and there
	6 is no one I would want working next to me more than everyone
	7 in this room.
	8 But we have to realize that oil and gas companies
	9 love pitting us against each other instead of us uniting and
	10 looking at their destructive, environmental polluting
	11 policies. Why do you think unions came into being, because
	12 of the corporations exploiting us.
	13 All of you could have just as good jobs with
	14 renewable energy companies if, if oil and gas companies were
	15 not stopping the advancement of renewable energy
	16 development. Now I would like to address the Board.
	17 I would like to say that we all know that FERC is
	18 nothing more than a front for corporations. We all know
	19 that. Now I would like to talk about the contents of the
	20 DEIS. A publication that size should have been as clear,
	21 concise and exact as possible, covering all and any
	22 questions that could possibly be asked about this project.
PM4-81	23 Instead, I and many others, found the wording of
	24 that publication to be ambiguous, non-committal, elusive,
	25 unspecific, deceptive, unclear, obscure, vague, inexplicit,

PM4-81 The commentor’s statements regarding the draft EIS are noted.

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PM4-81 cont'd	<p>1 in-precise, bewildering, generalized, ill-defined, 2 indeterminate, problematic, puzzling, perplexing, evasive, 3 muddled, and abstract. I hope that I have made myself 4 clear.</p>
PM4-82	<p>5 I have no doubt that every single page of the 6 DEIS was written in conjunction with Cabot lawyers, with 7 FERC putting their name and emblem on the front cover. The 8 DEIS is a blatant insult to everyone who received it.</p> <p>9 MR. MOONEYHAN: Linda Bevilacqua.</p> <p>10 MS. BEVILACQUA: Good evening again. Linda 11 Bevilacqua. B-e-v-i-l-a-c-q-u-a. A gentleman last night in 12 Afton referred to people opposed to the pipeline as 13 tree-huggers. I deeply resent that remark. I live a modern 14 life full of modern amenities, that's the right word. I 15 choose to live here because of the rural character and if I 16 wanted to life in a polluted-filled area, I would never have 17 left down state.</p>
PM4-83	<p>18 Constitution does not have the right to come into 19 my neighborhood, steal my land, pollute my air and water for 20 their end corporate profits. Compressor stations, which are 21 part of the pipelines, significantly impact air quality.</p>
PM4-84	<p>22 I would also like to express my disappointment 23 with FERC's handling of the rowdiness and disrespect that 24 this audience, particularly union members, have displayed, 25 and I would like to lodge a formal complaint against Charles</p>

PM4-82 See the response to comment CO63-2.

PM4-83 See the response to comments CO41-21 and IND13-4 regarding air quality. See the response to comment IND116-1 regarding water quality. See the response to comment FA8-3 regarding eminent domain.

PM4-84 See the response to comment CO50-108 regarding the comment meetings. The commentor's statements regarding the FERC are noted.

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1 Brown. I was having a private discussion yesterday when you
2 called the break and somebody interfered with my
3 conversation and Charles Brown came in and insulted my
4 husband and he had no business getting involved in my
5 conversation and I want a formal complaint lodged against
6 him.

7 The majority of the comments in the last three
8 nights, and we have been to every single one, I have put
9 miles and miles of mileage on my car, the pipeline is not
10 even going on my property, but I care. I care about my
11 friends, it is going to affect, I'm part of the burn zone, I
12 care about the air that I breathe when I come out of my
13 house and my kids and my animals, I have a farm.

14 I don't want to smell their toxic air. The
15 majority of the comments were documents by out of area union
16 members bribed by various entities and I feel that as much
17 as they were entitled to their time, most of the time was
18 spent listening to them.

19 When the landowners were talking, we were being
20 heckled and booed, but when their union members were up
21 there, everybody was quiet and it was very disrespectful and
22 I think that you as the FERC panel should have done
23 something about that. I don't think it should have come to
24 that. Thank you very much.

25 MR. MOONEYHAN: Thomas Collier.

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PM4-85	1 MR. COLLIER: I am Thomas Collier, C-o-l-l-i-e-r.
	2 I am an adjacent landowner, 4,000 feet from the proposed
	3 pipeline route and I stand to lose the land value due to it.
	4 These four FERC landowner comment sessions have permitted me
PM4-86	5 a glimpse into the corporate state we mask around as a
	6 Democracy, owned, for and by the people.
	7 It starts with the DEIS floated out in front of
	8 us for all of our review and comment on. It is in and of
	9 itself, an insulting of our intelligence. It was
	10 intentionally confusing and incomplete in its form.
	11 Next, these sessions themselves which have
	12 descended into near physical confrontation, hopefully not
	13 their original intent or intentionally meant as a forum for
	14 people with land affected by the proposed pipeline route or
	15 who stood to lose that land and their nest egg, or have
	16 their lifestyle changed forever, for corporate profit and
	17 shareholder dividends and to voice their concerns and
	18 opinions about the perceived short-comings of this DEIS.
	19 Next is the direction the sessions have taken. I
	20 watched as it evolved into conflict between concerned
	21 citizens, landowners against each other. Not against the
	22 actual corporation who wrote these rules and regulations we
	23 are supposed to be commenting on. People who may have
	24 worked all of their lives, possibly even at union jobs,
	25 posed an unintentionally or intentionally against the other

- PM4-85

See the response to comment LA5-3 regarding property values, mortgages, and insurance.
- PM4-86

The commentor’s statements regarding the draft EIS are noted. See the response to comment FA1-1.

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1 citizen landowners, bussed in and compensated to attend
2 these sessions by business agents, or employers to express
3 their need and desire to work in or on a hole in the ground
4 for a fossil fuel corporation for approximately 8 months on
5 potentially stolen land.

6 This is a completely unfair assembly of citizens
7 led to believe we are on opposing sides, evidenced by
8 rudeness and disrespect towards one another. We all need to
9 stop and realize that we are not in disagreement with each
10 other, but the "person" not in the room trying to control
11 our lives, Williams and Constitution Corporations.

PM4-87 12 Let us find that common ground and live together.
13 FERC, your job is to make this right for all of us. This
14 has been an unfairly staged and posed conflict by the very
15 corporation we should all, at the very least, question and
16 at the very most, totally oppose.

17 Not between each other, or has this all been
18 planned? Think about it and decide for yourself. Good luck
19 FERC, your job is a difficult one. We are all restless,
20 good night and thank you.

21 MR. MOONEYHAN: Stan Wojtkowski.

22 MR. WOJTKOWSKI: Stan Wojtkowski S-t-a-n
23 W-o-j-t-k-o-w-s-k-i. I didn't really come here to speak, I
24 didn't really want to say anything. I have been working on
25 the pipeline since '08. I worked on the Millenium line, I'm

PM4-87

The commentor's statements regarding the comment meetings are noted. See the response to comment CO50-108.

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1 in the union.

2 You know, I'm sorry some of you all have hard
3 feelings and everything and you talk about invasive species
4 and stuff man, Florida has got a real bad problem with
5 snakes, I think you might need to go that way.

6 I don't know everything, I care a lot about the
7 land. I do restoration, I have been doing it since '08. I
8 go back and I check to make sure that the land is put back
9 the way it was. I make sure all the ECD's are in, all your
10 silt fence and everything and I'm sorry some of you all have
11 some hard feelings here but I have a young daughter, I have
12 a wife. I mean, without the pipeline I wouldn't have
13 anything.

14 People around this area have nothing. You are
15 lucky to make \$20,000.00. My parents alone make \$12,000.00
16 a year. Can you all live off that? This is hard and with
17 this pipeline coming into this area, look at all the boom
18 coming through. People are thriving, look at your,
19 Stallin's Hardware alone, I've been here for ten years now
20 and just everything in this area is just growing and
21 growing.

22 Look at Texas, they have been doing it, you know
23 what I mean? Pipeline has been here, the guy says since
24 1930's, I know myself just last year alone we were on the
25 line from the 50's and we take all precautions and we really

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1 care about our land, we really do and you know what, a lot
2 of the problems and I'm not trying to talk bad about any
3 company, but as far as union work goes, when you say union
4 that means professional work.

PM4-88

5 And when you all hire these other pipeline
6 companies that are not union, they are hiring people right
7 off the street that don't take training classes, that don't
8 really know anything, and if you all put this Constitution
9 Line in and you all put it for the union, it will be done
10 and it will be done properly and on time. That's all I have
11 got to say.

12 MS. LOEFFLER: Barbara Loeffler. B-a-r-b-a-r-a
13 L-o-e-f-f-l-e-r. I wasn't really planning on speaking
14 tonight, but as I thought about this whole thing last night
15 and the document that I tried to pick things out of, my
16 concern now that I am in Pennsylvania is a concern I had

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17 early on and I questioned what would be the set-back in a
18 later time frame now that the Constitution -- thinking that
19 this horrible thing would exist, and fracking would begin,
20 what would the set-backs be.

21 And now I'm thinking in terms of Pennsylvania
22 with, it already exists, and they are going to run a
23 pipeline through here. There is nothing in that document
24 that addresses how far away they would have to be from a
25 frack site, that can, by their own admission blow up. What

PM4-88

The commentator's statements in support of the proposed project are noted.

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See the response to comment IND292-8 regarding setback distances.

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PM4-89 cont'd	<p>1 would that do to the pipeline, with an 800 foot crater in</p> <p>2 the ground? Is there an 800 foot set-back? I don't think</p> <p>3 so.</p> <p>4 Is there a thousand foot set-back? I'm just very</p> <p>5 concerned for the people who live within any distance of the</p> <p>6 new pipeline going through all these frack sites and as Vera</p> <p>7 said, 800 wells times 6 million gallons of water a day and</p> <p>8 this is going to continue. This is our country's plan for</p> <p>9 the northeast of the United States? Like this is bizarre.</p>
PM4-90	<p>10 Where is all this water coming from? Does the</p> <p>11 city of New York need no more water? None of our little</p> <p>12 cities along here need water, Oneonta, we were there the</p> <p>13 other way, we were in a big valley, what happens to our</p> <p>14 water when it is gone?</p> <p>15 We won't get it back, it will be poisoned and</p> <p>16 this pipeline as I said before, is the aorta for fracking</p> <p>17 because when Pennsylvania is sucked dry, we will be next,</p> <p>18 thank you.</p> <p>19 MR. MOONEYHAN: Epifano Bevilacqua.</p> <p>20 MR. BEVILACQUA: Epifano Bevilacqua E-p-i-f-a-n-o</p> <p>21 Bevilacqua B-e-v-i-l-a-c-q-u-a. I am also union, Local 79</p> <p>22 downstate. I drove 180 miles every weekend each way, came</p> <p>23 up here, worked on the farm. My wife told you I have cows,</p> <p>24 I have horses, I have sheep, okay.</p> <p>25 I have 150 acres up here. The corporation is</p>

PM4-90 See the response to comments FA4-24 and IND110-4 regarding hydrostatic test water.

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PM4-91	1 pitting us union guys against each other, we should be in
	2 solidarity. I had talked to your business agents a while
	3 back, 17 and all of them, they don't want to listen, they
	4 don't want to hear.
	5 Constitution already built the Constitution
	6 compressor station right here, Franklin and Rebecca Road,
	7 it's right up a block, I've been there last year. 50
	8 workers there, no union guys, no guys from Pennsylvania and
	9 your delegates will get the you-tube. Thanks for Vera
	10 Scoggins, Cabot Oil put an injunction on Vera Scoggins.
PM4-92	11 They should give her a medal, she's a hero for
	12 all of us in this room. To make us aware of what they are
	13 doing. They are exploiting us union guys against each
	14 other. My father, my uncles, they are in Local 6A, 18A,
	15 20A, okay, you probably know people from all over, just like
	16 I do.
	17 We shouldn't be fighting, we should be out
	18 understanding each other like the lady said, where are we
	19 going to get the water. If you don't have any water, you
	20 don't have any plants, you can't grow no food. Like I said
	21 last night, but some of you had left already. If we are
	22 going to start fighting, we are going to each other up like
	23 cannibals, right?
	24 We can't even get along here. These guys are
	25 corporation and we as unions in solidarity, we've been

PM4-91 See the response to comment CO41-29 regarding the Central Compressor Station.

PM4-92 See the response to comment IND239-3 and IND116-1 regarding water quality.

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1 fighting corporations. I was at the 40,000 march, the cops
2 wanted to run me over with horses. They ran over John Lang
3 with the horse they were going to run me over with, because
4 I was leading the crowd.

5 Louie Montabo knows me, I spoke to him, I sent
6 him the you-tube with the 50 workers on site, nobody was
7 union. Not even anybody from Pennsylvania. There was one
8 woman that was five hours away here on Pennsylvania.

9 So sign the contract, if it goes through, make
10 sure you put good stewards like I was, I had high profile
11 jobs in Manhattan. I worked on the high-rise, I worked at
12 the Empire State Building, I worked at the Trade Center, I
13 saw the second plane go into the Trade Center the day it
14 happened from 745, 750th Street, where Morgenthal owned the
15 building and they sold it to Lehman Brothers which they went
16 belly-up and they are using our pension money to fuel this.

17 Like you guys are younger than me, you are going
18 to retire. Where's your pension money going to be, they are
19 going to wipe it out. That's what they are using, to drill
20 and drill and drill.

21 Ray Campbell used to be drill baby drill. Now
22 he's, the list of the harm, their list is up to 1,200 plus
23 the gag orders so they can shut you up and you can't speak,
24 and the doctors even have gag orders, they can't even tell
25 you what's wrong with you. Then we wonder where cancer is

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1 coming from.

2 Why don't they do the health impact study first
3 before they started drilling in Pennsylvania? Ray Campbell
4 and Mannie here, she had a grand-daughter, she can't even
5 breathe upstairs, afraid that the house is -- this is the
6 way you want people to live in your communities.

7 Once they start drilling, plus we are all
8 down-wind, all the water from up here is going to go down to
9 five boroughs. All my sisters and brothers from Local 79
10 live mostly in the five boroughs.

11 MR. MOONEYHAN: 20 seconds please.

12 MR. BEVILACQUA: Then they are going to take it
13 to Long Island, the back fluid and then they are going to
14 bring it to the treatment plants in Long Island and food and
15 water, and everybody knows this so wake up and let's smell
16 the coffee everybody. This is a disgrace to the human race
17 and this is genocide.

18 MR. MOONEYHAN: Okay, Mr. Bevilacqua was the last
19 speaker who signed up tonight, so with that the formal part
20 of tonight's meeting will close. I appreciate everyone who
21 came out here tonight and everyone who spoke and everyone
22 who shared tonight and presented themselves in a
23 professional and courteous manner and I really appreciate
24 that. So I want to mention quickly if you want additional
25 information about this project, visit our website ferc.gov

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1 using the e-library link and put in the project docket
2 numbers which are CD-13-499 and CD-13-502 you can find
3 everything that is available about these two projects.

4 So on behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory
5 Commission and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, I thank you
6 for all coming here tonight and let the record show that the
7 Board's comment meeting for the Constitution Pipeline and
8 Iroquois Projects concluded at 9:17 p.m.

9 (Whereupon at 9:17 p.m., the scoping meeting
10 adjourned.)

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Attention: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary

Reference: Constitution Pipeline Company, LLC
Constitution Pipeline Project
Docket No. CP13-499-000
Additional Project Information

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Constitution Pipeline Company, LLC (Constitution) hereby submits additional information regarding the proposed Constitution Pipeline Project. This submittal is in response to recommendations provided by FERC in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (FERC EIS 0249D) for the Constitution Pipeline and Wright Interconnect Projects; it also provides an update to information provided on November 11, 2013.¹ Specifically, section 5.2 of the draft EIS contains FERC Staff's recommendations that Constitution provide additional information at various stages of the project, including prior to the end of the draft EIS comment period, prior to the start of construction, during construction, and post construction.

This submittal includes Constitution's responses to items requested prior to the end of the draft EIS comment period. A summary table and associated attachments is provided for items that were requested before the end of the comment period. Additional information is also provided for items requested beyond the comment period. Finally, Constitution is also providing detailed

¹ Accession numbers 20131112-5073, 20131112-5074, and 20131112-5075.

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The additional information has been received and is included in the revised EIS.

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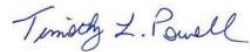
post construction stormwater management plans for the Turnpike Road and Westfall Road M&R Stations as well as fence details for each proposed M&R Station.

The information above is considered Public. In addition, Constitution is submitting detailed meter station drawings under separate cover as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII). Constitution requests that these be treated as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information pursuant to 18 C.F.R. §§ 388.112, et seq.

Any questions regarding this submittal should be directed to Lynda Schubring at (713) 215-2491 or Lynda.Schubring@Williams.com.

Respectfully,

CONSTITUTION PIPELINE COMPANY, LLC
By Williams Gas Pipeline Company, LLC,
Its Operator



Timothy Powell
Manager – Land, GIS, and Permits

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Applicant Comments

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- A1-2 Our assessment of this parcel can be found in section 3.4.3.1 of the EIS.
- A1-3 Our assessment of these tracts can be found in section 3.4.3.2 of the EIS.
- A1-4 Our assessment of these tracts can be found in section 3.4.3.3 of the EIS.
- A1-5 Section 4.1.3.4 of the EIS has been revised to discuss the commentor's reroute extending from MP 30.16 to MP 30.53 to avoid the landslide area.
- A1-6 The EIS has been updated to remove Spread 4b contractor yard. Survey results for the newly identified Spread 4c contractor yard and the remaining field surveys have not yet been provided.
- A1-7 Sections 4.3 and 4.4 of the final EIS have been updated to include the additional information provided by the commentor, and now include a recommendation that permanent fill not be used in either waterbodies or wetlands to construct access roads.
- A1-8 Section 4.3.3 of the EIS has been revised to provide information regarding waterbodies within workspaces and Constitution's proposal to use permanent fill.
- A1-9 Section 4.5.1 of the EIS has been revised to provide information regarding the access roads for the proposed meter stations.

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Requests from February 12, 2014 DEIS - Section 5.2 - FERC Staff's Recommended Mitigation		
FERC Comment No.	Comment	Response
Requested Before End of Comment Period (April 7)		
A1-2	11. Constitution shall further assess a minor route deviation for parcel A17-B-MP-88-082-083 and either incorporate a route that avoids the water well or otherwise explain how potential impacts on the well have been effectively avoided, minimized, or mitigated, and file this information with the Secretary prior to the end of the draft EIS comment period. (section 3.4.3.1)	Survey permission for this property has only recently been granted. Constitution has conducted a site visit with the property owner, which included an assessment of the proximity of a water well. A minor route deviation is under consideration for this parcel.
A1-3	12. Constitution shall further assess minor route deviations for the tracts identified in table 3.4.3.1 of the EIS in coordination with the landowners and either incorporate a route that avoids the resources of concern or otherwise explain how potential impacts on resources have been effectively avoided, minimized, or mitigated. Constitution shall file the assessments with the Secretary prior to the end of the draft EIS comment period. (section 3.4.3.2)	Refer to the attached information for DEIS item 12.
A1-4	13. Constitution shall further assess minor route deviations for the tracts identified in table 3.4.3.2 of the EIS in coordination with the landowners and the NYSDEC. Constitution shall either incorporate a route that avoids the agricultural resources of concern or otherwise explain how potential impacts on resources have been effectively avoided, minimized, or mitigated. Constitution shall file the assessments with the Secretary prior to the end of the draft EIS comment period. (section 3.4.3.3)	Refer to the attached information for DEIS item 13.
A1-5	16. Prior to the end of the draft EIS comment period, Constitution shall file with the Secretary the results of the formal slope stability study for the area at MP 30.3, including any specialized construction techniques or mitigation measures Constitution would implement at this location. (section 4.1.3.4)	Constitution is evaluating a route modification with the intention to avoid a potential landslide area. Approval of any route modification is pending field data and concurrence from engineering, environmental resources, and cultural resources. Constitution will provide FERC with a drawing identifying the route modification when it is available. If a route modification is not feasible, then Constitution will submit a formal slope stability study, including mitigation measures, for this location.
A1-6	20. Prior to the end of the draft EIS comment period, Constitution shall file with the Secretary the results of surveys for all proposed contractor yards not previously submitted concerning water wells, waterbodies, and wetlands, as well as the status of any required agency consultations. (section 4.3.2)	Refer to item 20, attached, which provides a summary table of the survey status of the Contractor Yards as well as a figure displaying the location of a new Contractor Yard (Spread 4C). Also note that the Spread 4b Contractor Yard has been removed from Project consideration.
A1-7	21. Prior to the end of the draft EIS comment period, Constitution shall file with the Secretary site-specific plans for the proposed permanent access road crossings of waterbodies and wetlands, site-specific justifications for the use of permanent fill, and agency consultations regarding these plans. (section 4.3.3.1)	Refer to the attached information for DEIS item 21.
A1-8	22. Prior to the end of the draft EIS comment period, Constitution shall file with the Secretary a description of impacts and any proposed impact avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures for each waterbody that would not be directly crossed by the rerouting, but would be impacted by the construction right-of-way. (section 4.3.3.1)	Refer to the attached information for DEIS item 22.
A1-9	24. Prior to the end of the draft EIS comment period, Constitution shall file a description of its proposed access roads, leading to the two proposed meter stations; maps depicting the access roads; tabulated impacts on vegetation types; and any proposed impact avoidance, minimization, or mitigation measures. (section 4.5.1)	Refer to the attached information for DEIS item 24.

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A1 – Constitution Pipeline Company LLC (cont'd)

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FERC Comment No.	Comment	Response
AI-10	25 Prior to the end of the draft EIS comment period , Constitution shall file with the Secretary a draft Upland Forest Mitigation Plan developed in consultation with the FWS, the NYSDCC, the FWCDC, and the Pennsylvania Game Commission. The draft plan shall also include a discussion of migratory birds, including specific locations and mitigation (such as, but not limited to, further reducing the construction right-of-way width, replanting temporary workspaces, and reducing the maintenance clearing width of the permanent maintained right-of-way). The proposed clearing activities, outside of agency-recommended clearing windows shall also be addressed in relation to migratory birds. (section 4.5.3)	Constitution is continuing to coordinate with applicable agencies and will submit the plan as soon as those discussions are complete and the plan finalized, expected to be the end of April 2014.
AI-11	38 Prior to the end of the draft EIS comment period , Constitution shall, in coordination with the Schenectady County Department of Planning and Development and the developer of the planned subdivision at MP 121.5, develop a residential crossing plan that addresses the presence of this development and addresses any issues raised during Constitution's consultations. Constitution shall file the residential crossing plan with the Secretary. (section 4.8.3.2)	Constitution has consulted with the property manager of the planned Tidewater Subdivision which has been approved by the Schenectady County Department of Planning and Development, and is traversed by the Project from MP 121.50 to MP 121.90 in Schoharie County, New York. Discussions with the property manager and Constitution's land representatives have confirmed that there are no current plans for residential construction at this location and the landowner of the planned subdivision has signed all necessary easement rights to allow for survey/construction of the Project. As a result, it is not anticipated by Constitution that construction schedule will overlap and Constitution will continue to coordinate with the property manager to ensure the siting, string and installation of the Project's facilities does not interfere with the planned development. Note that Class 3 pipe will be used in case this is eventually developed. Therefore, at this time, a residential construction plan is not required.
AI-12	42 Constitution shall consult with the NYSDOT and the FHWA regarding potential project impacts on the planned upgrade to NY Route 27. If necessary develop impact avoidance, minimization, or mitigation measures, and file the results of the consultation and the measures prior to the end of the draft EIS comment period . (section 4.8.4.1)	The following information was provided by the Assistant to the Regional Director, NYSDOT, Region 9, February 27, 2014: Consultation between NYSDOT and Constitution is ongoing. Constitution will be required to design and construct this proposed crossing to Interstate standards because Route 17 will eventually become Interstate 86. Review of the crossing design by NYSDOT during the permit approval process will ensure that these standards are met and will thereby satisfy part 42 of the EIS.
Requested prior to the start of construction		
AI-13	32 Constitution shall not begin construction of the proposed facilities until: a. all outstanding biological surveys have been completed; b. the FERC staff completes any necessary Section 7 consultation with the FWS; and c. Constitution has received written notification from the Director of DEP that construction and/or use of mitigation (including implementation of conservation measures) may begin. (section 4.7.2)	For consistency and clarity, Constitution suggests that DEC recommendation 32 read as follows: Prior to construction of the proposed facilities, the following conditions shall be met: a. Constitution will complete biological surveys; b. FERC staff will complete any necessary Section 7 consultation with the FWS; and c. Constitution receives written notification from the Director of DEP that construction and/or use of mitigation (including implementation of conservation measures) may begin. (section 4.7.2)

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The commentator's statements regarding the draft upland forest mitigation plan are noted. The commentator later filed their Preliminary Migratory Bird and Upland Forest Plan was filed on May 6, 2014 (http://elibrary.ferc.gov:0/idmws/file_list.asp?document_id=14213683). The Plan was developed in coordination with the FWS and state agencies. Section 4.5.3 of the EIS has been updated with our assessment of this draft plan.

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Section 4.8.3.2 of the EIS has been updated to reflect the information provided by the commentator.

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Section 4.9.4.1 of the EIS has been updated to reflect the information provided by the commentator.

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The commentator's suggestions are noted.

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A1 – Constitution Pipeline Company LLC (cont'd)

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FERC Comment No.	Comment	Response
A1-14	39. Constitution shall revise its Organic Farm Protection Plan to include the required use of organic straw/hay for mulch in certified organic agricultural land. (section 4.8.4.2)	<p>To date, no agricultural lands certified as organic properties under the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) Federal Regulations (7 CFR Part 205) are crossed by the Project. The "Organic Rule Farm" identified by FERC (page 4-123 and Table 4.8.4-2) is a non-certified organic property (Fact ID# WP-SC-015.000). The owner of the property implements self-described organic practices in raising bees and claims certified organic farm status; however this facility is not listed as a certified organic operation by the NOP.</p> <p>Constitution has developed an Organic Farm Protection Plan (OFPP) which will be implemented at certified organic agricultural properties for which the landowner or tenant has provided proof to Constitution of organic certification within the affected property, or documentation that the affected property is in active transition to become certified under the NOP. In the event a certified organic property or a property with an active application to obtain organic certification is crossed by the Project, Constitution will consult with the landowner or tenant managing the affected property to ensure construction procedures are performed in accordance with the facility's identified Organic System Plan (OSP). Constitution will ensure project operations, including the use of approved mulching and soil erosion and sediment control materials (i.e., use of certified organic bales or mulch if approved/required) are used during all phases of construction.</p> <p>Section 4.8.2 of Constitution's OFPP currently states: "Treated lumber, non-organic straw or hay bales, and non-approved metal fence posts will not be used for erosion control structures on certified organic agricultural land." Constitution has also modified Section 2.0 of the OFPP to include the use of organic straw (or equivalent materials) permitted under the facility's OSP for mulching operations on certified organic properties crossed by the Project. Regardless of the current property's status with respect to the NOP Regulations, Constitution will conduct construction practices in accordance with the landowner's requests and will utilize organic straw for mulching and erosion control structures.</p>
A1-15	41. Prior to construction, Constitution shall coordinate with the Schenectady Career and Technical Education School Board of Education, and file with the Secretary for the review and written approval of the Director of CDE, impact avoidance, minimization, or mitigation measures designed to ensure that the pipeline and access road PAR 73a (near MP 120.6) do not conflict with or hinder the school's ability to implement current or future curriculum activities. (section 4.8.4.3)	<p>PAR 73a has been moved off the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) site. New access road (PAR 74a) is located on tract A-17-G-NP-SC-022.000.</p>
A1-16	45. Prior to construction, the Applicants shall each file with the Secretary for review and written approval by the Director of CDE, a Construction Emission Plan identifying how they would track their construction schedules for the respective components of the projects within Schenectady County and ensure construction emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) would remain under the General Conformity applicability threshold. If a change in the construction schedule or projects result in emissions of NOx greater than the General Conformity applicability threshold of 100 tons per year: a. the Applicants shall provide and document all nitrogen measures under 40 C.F.R. 93.156 it would implement to comply with the General Conformity Regulations; and b. the FERC staff completes its Final General Conformity Determination and notifies the Applicants that project facilities in Schenectady County can be placed into service. (section 4.11.1.2)	<p>Since Constitution has an improved understanding of the construction procedures for the projects, including the plan in Schenectady County, a revised General Conformity analysis was developed. Attachment "FERC Item 45" provides a summary of the analyses to Schenectady County emission calculations along with the revised calculation spreadsheet. Since NOx emissions were reduced to under 70 tons per year versus a General Conformity Threshold of 100 tons per year, Constitution suggests that monitoring plan would no longer be recommended.</p>

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Section 4.8.4.2 of the EIS has been updated to reflect the information provided by the commentor.
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Our assessment of Constitution’s proposed re-route is discussed in section 3.4.3 of the EIS.
- A1-16

See the response to comment CO41-21. Section 4.11.1.2 of the EIS has been updated to reflect the information provided by the commentor.

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FERC Comment No.	Comment	Response
Requested during construction		
A1-17	Beginning with the filing of its Implementation Plan, Constitution shall file updated status reports with the Secretary on a weekly basis until all construction and restoration activities are complete . Inquiries shall file updated status reports with the Secretary on a monthly basis until construction and restoration activities are complete . On request, these status reports will also be provided to other federal and state agencies with permitting responsibilities. Status reports shall include: a. an update on the Applicant's efforts to obtain the necessary federal authorizations; b. the construction status of the project, work planned for the following reporting period, and any schedule changes for stream crossings or work in other environmentally sensitive areas; c. a listing of all problems encountered and each instance of noncompliance observed by the DE during the reporting period (both for the conditions imposed by the Commission and any environmental conditions/permit requirements imposed by other federal, state, or local agencies); d. a description of corrective actions implemented in response to all instances of noncompliance, and their cost; e. the effectiveness of all corrective actions implemented; f. a description of any landowner/resident complaints that may relate to compliance with the requirements of the Order; and the measures taken to satisfy their concerns; and g. copies of any correspondence received by the Applicant from other federal, state, or local permitting agencies concerning instances of noncompliance, and the Applicant's response.	For recommendation #7, Constitution proposes to provide the Secretary with bi-weekly reports or more frequently upon the Staff's request.
A1-18	Constitution shall conduct in-stream encroachments of all trout and trout spawning waterbodies in New York between June 15 and September 30, or the NYSDRC's approval to cross these waterbodies outside of the allowable construction window (section 4.6.2.2)	Constitution has obtained clarification from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDC). As provided in the attached correspondence from NYSDC (Item 27), this correspondence clarifies the specific calendar dates for seasonal in-stream construction work windows applicable to streams and waterbodies with a NYSDC water quality standard designation of (T) or (TS). NYSDC concurs that allowable in-stream construction window for activities associated with this Project's line 1 through September 30.
Requested After Construction		
A1-19	Constitution shall file with the Secretary reports describing any documented pipeline-related complaints concerning landowner's homeowner insurance policies and identifying how Constitution is coordinating with the affected party to mitigate any impacts associated with the complaints. During construction these reports shall be included in Constitution's weekly status reports (see Condition 7) and in quarterly reports for a 2 year period following in service of the project . (section 4.9.6)	Constitution proposes to comply with recommendation #82 as follows and requests the Commission adopt its proposal in the FES. Constitution shall file with the Secretary reports describing any documented complaints from a homeowner that a homeowner's insurance policy was cancelled or voided due directly to the grant of a pipeline right of way or installation of the pipeline and/or that the premium for the homeowner's insurance increased materially and directly as a result of the grant of a pipeline right of way or installation of the pipeline, together with Constitution's attempts to mitigate such impact, if they occurred. During construction these reports shall be included in Constitution's status reports (see Condition 7) and in quarterly reports for a 2 year period following in service of the project . (section 4.9.6)

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The commentor's proposal is noted, however for a project of this scope, the FERC requires weekly reporting.

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Section 4.6.2.2 has been updated to provide additional information regarding construction timing windows.

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The commentor's proposal is noted.